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IN NEWS DESK, 23rd June, I featured the Fair Play League, which showed Manchester United as Champions for last season.

I said that United had won the trophy for the third season in succession. Well, that was a mistake. Miss Carole Padden from Wolverhampton has written to point out that Wolves were the winners in 1977-78.

My apologies to all at Molineux for the error.

## Luton For Ulster

LUTON Town have lined-up three pre-season friendlies in Northern Ireland, v Larne (July 31st), Crusaders (August 2nd), and Ballymena United (Aug 4th).

The Larne game will be a sentimental return to Inver Park for Luton's Irish Under-23 defender Mal Donaghy, who began his senior career with the Antrim East Enders, before joining The Hatters in a £20,000 deal, a year ago.

ALDERSHOT are hoping their latest swoop into Yorkshire turns out as well as their last two.

In the past couple of seasons manager Tommy McAnearney once of Sheffield Wednesday himself, has signed John Dungworth, ex-Huddersfield Town and now the club's record goalscorer in a season, and Peter Scott, York City full-back who recently became the Hampshire club's first full international.

## EXILED GILLS

IF THERE are any exiled Gillingham supporters living up and down the country who would like to receive regular news of the club and match day programmes write to Roger Triggs, 123 Taverners Road, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 9AG.

JOHN O'Neill, the teenage Leicester centre-half, isn't letting the grass grow under his feet. He is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in economics with accountancy.

And the former Derry Athletic player isn't doing too badly on the field, either. He has played for Northern Ireland at Under-21 level and Danny Blanchflower has included him in his senior squad this year.

# MAN. CITY BID FOR BALL?



HERE'S A SURPRISE . . . Manchester City, who snapped up Mike Channon for £250,000 from Southampton two years ago could well go back to The Dell and make a bid for Alan Ball.

The 33-year-old former England star is currently in America with Vancouver Whitecaps and is apparently keen to negotiate a new contract with Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy when he returns.

Unless the club meet Ballie's demands he could well join Tony Book and Malcolm Allison — a long admirer of the tenacious midfielder — at Maine Road.

Last season, Walsall wanted Alan as their player-manager.

TURLOUGH O'Connor, the most prolific scorer in Eire, has been appointed manager of Athlone Town.

Turly started his career with Fulham and when he returned to Ireland hit almost 200 League goals with Dundalk, Limerick and Bohemians where he was captain for the past three seasons.

He now becomes Athlone's 13th boss since they rejoined the League of Ireland in 1969 and we wish him well in what must be the hottest managerial seat in the Republic.

## "Walsh tops" — Supremo Stewart

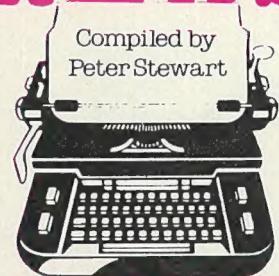
ACCORDING to former Glentoran player-manager Arthur Stewart, now team-chief of New Jersey Americans, talented Glens' central-defender Roy Walsh is ready to step straight into the fiercely-competitive cauldron of Football League soccer.

Currently on loan to the Stewart-bossed Statesiders, classy, consistent Walsh, an Inter-League cap and "Ulster Footballer of the Year" in 1978-79, has been in the transfer spotlight for some time and a near-future move looks on the cards.

"Even at 23, Roy is still young enough to make good in English or Scottish football," says supremo Stewart, who rates the accomplished Ovalie as "a player with a lot of polish and potential, and an excellent big-time prospect."

# NEWS

Compiled by Peter Stewart



# DESK

THEY call him Mr Consistent. That's Hull City defender Gordon Nisbett, winner of the club's Player of the Year award two years running.

Nisbett, signed from West Brom in September, 1976, is equally at home as a full-back, midfielder and goalkeeper. He played for Albion's third team in goal and in midfield.

Walsall-born Nisbett is now 27 and in his earlier days had trials with Preston, Blackpool, Sunderland and Leicester before joining Albion in August, 1968.

## ALARMING RECORD

THE most concerning aspect of last season was the spiralling number of dismissals in League matches.

In six previous seasons sent-off cases went like this . . . 83, 76, 97, 89, 100 and 98.

Last term the figure rocketed over the 100 mark and that's a record that has to be looked at with alarm.

TUESDAY July 10th was the 52nd birthday of the man who was the top name in English soccer for a long time, but is mentioned rarely these days . . . former Leeds and England boss Don Revie.

THE Football Association and BBC Television have linked-up to produce a series of soccer coaching films that will be marketed in six languages throughout most of the 140 countries belonging to F.I.F.A.

England stars Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking, Ray Wilkins and Peter Shilton (above) play major parts in the series. They spent a week at Bisham Abbey, Bucks shooting sequences after returning from England's European tour this summer. The Crystal Palace youth team have also participated.

England manager Ron Greenwood and F.A. coaching directors Allen Wade and Charles Hughes supervised the filming.

Match sequences will be worked into the series to illustrate specific points. The series will be aimed primarily at coaches, players and referees.

"We are using personalities because we wanted to give the film star quality," Ted Croker, F.A. secretary explained.

"We have felt for a long time that there is a gap in the facilities available world wide for coaching films of a high calibre."

A series of referee coaching films is also being shot.

The soccer coaching films will be transmitted in a package of 13 half hour programmes in 1980.

## England's film stars



## Clyde hoped to capture The Cat

CLYDE manager Craig Brown has got off to a flying start with his plans for next season which he hopes will see his team make a determined bid for promotion to the Premier Division.

He's fixed up Ian Hart, the Albion Rovers striker, and hopes of signing Peter Bonetti, the former Chelsea and England 'keeper, who has opened a guest house on the Isle of Mull, were dashed when he joined Dundee United. Clyde have also accepted an invitation to play in a four-club tournament in the Highlands in late July. The other clubs are Ayr United, Keith, the Highland League Champions, and Elgin City.



# SHIRTY BULGARS

PERHAPS the most bizarre incident of the recent England tour occurred in Sofia — on a very hot day.

Everton's Billy Wright (right), Steve Williams of Southampton, and Gary Owen, of West Brom, decided to do a spot of sun bathing outside their hotel, and, naturally enough, discarded their shirts.

They were promptly grabbed by a couple of policemen and marched back into the hotel — to pay an on-the-spot fine of roughly £2 a head — or body if you prefer it.

Apparently the naked torso — even the top half — is considered quite offensive in Bulgaria!

## Dons move into Eire

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson has decided to extend his scouting system into the Republic of Ireland.

"I am negotiating with someone to look after our interests there for the next two years," he says.

Ferguson, who was in Dublin recently, says: "I feel this is an area we can tap. If Arsenal can get back players like Stapleton, O'Leary and Brady from that source, why shouldn't we?"

CHELSEA manager Danny Blanchflower has always been ready to back his own judgment. That's why he stepped in smartly to sign 21-year-old midfielder David Stewart on a free transfer from Hull.

Danny was manager of the Northern Ireland team when Stewart won his only cap against Belgium in a World Cup qualifying match in November, 1977. Ireland won 3-0.

Belfast-born Stewart was the youngest player to appear in Hull's senior team, making his debut as a 16-year-old.



## JOMO SONO



## SOUTH AFRICA'S PELE

AT 23 years old, Jomo Sono is already a soccer legend. Born in the Soweto suburb of Orlando, Jomo has become the darling of The Bucs or as they are officially titled Orlando Pirates.

The son of a former Pirates star, he followed earnestly in his father's footsteps, arriving in the first team at 16. A devastating striker, he can also be lethal in midfield, and is looked upon by the crowds as a miracle worker with his uncanny ability to raise his game when most required and invariably slotting the all important goal.

With the introduction of multi-racial soccer in South Africa he was soon selected for Springbok colours. Against a top Argentinian side he scored four of the five goals in the South Africans' 5-1 victory back in 1976.

In 1977 he was transferred to Cosmos where he played alongside the legendary Pele and Beckenbauer and was an instant hit with the American crowds. He returned at the end of the season to continue to play for Orlando Pirates.

In 1978 Jomo returned to America where he became the first black to captain an American side shortly after joining Denver Caribou.

On his return to Orlando he got married, and what a wedding day it turned out to be! With half of Soweto turning out to wish him good luck, he decided to cut short the reception and turn out in an important Cup Semi-Final against the powerful Highlands Park, a Johannesburg club with strong traditions, and predominantly white.

He turned up in time for the second-half and turned in an exhilarating performance, bringing his side back from 1-0 down to eventual 4-2 winners. Jomo had a hand in all four, laying on the first three and crowning a memorable performance by scoring the fourth himself. The crowd went wild with delight chiding him off the field with the witch doctor leading the procession and lauding praises on him!

PAUL Overton, the 18-year-old Ipswich goalkeeper who made his League debut when he was only 17, has packed plenty of sports experience in to one of such tender years.

Winner of Cambridgeshire district and county honours as a schoolboy footballer, he also won county honours for rugby, cricket and basketball.

Born at Ely, he first started to make a soccer impression with Newmarket Valley Boys Club. A studious type of player, he is also very interested in the coaching side of the game.

## FACTastic

BILLY Bremner, dynamic little red-headed Scot, scored over 100 goals during his fantastic career with Leeds United, but none more valuable than the three he hit in the Cup Semi-Final games against Manchester United in 1965 and 1970 and against Wolves in 1973. Yet Leeds were beaten in each of those Finals.

HOW come that so few clubs ever appoint a manager born in their immediate area? "Locals" doing the boss's job have become fewer than ever in the game. Study the background of all currently filling the post in the Football League and you'll find only Wrexham's Arfon Griffiths was born in his club's town.



GOODMAYES Primary School of Ilford, Essex, became the first winners of the ESFA-Smiths Food Group six-a-side Championship staged at Wembley before a near capacity crowd prior to England's schoolboy international against West Germany on June 9th.

It was a dream come true for Stephen Gerrard (pictured with Cup), captain of the winning team, who climbed those famous steps to receive the trophy from the Marketing Director of the Smiths Foods in the Royal Box.

Goodmayes won the Final by drawing with Temple Crowley Middle School, Oxford, 1-1, but winning on corners in the Final. Hundreds of primary schools entered the competition and twice the number will participate in 1979-80.

## Little leaves Falkirk

FALKIRK and manager Billy Little have parted company. After just failing to win promotion to the Scottish First Division, the Brockville directors have decided that they want a full-time manager. Little was part-time, coupling his job with that of a schoolteacher, and resigned on being told what the board wanted. He was manager for two seasons.

ALAN Hay, a 20-year-old central-defender with Bristol City, has also had spells with Dundee and Bolton — but he is often keen to know how York City have got on.

And the reason behind that is the fact that Alan says he received great help from Charlie Wright, the former Bolton coach who is now manager of York.

The Dunfermline-born Hay won an Under-16 Scottish Cup winners medal with Riverside Boys club.

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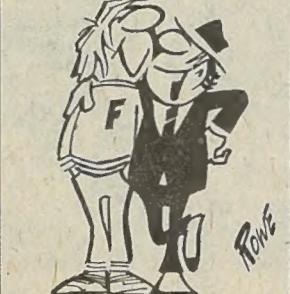
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**R**Ight now, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley and his lieutenants — often called the "bootroom boys" because they tend to hold their planning meetings in a certain place with a distinctive football atmosphere — are getting ready for next season, deciding on the club's priorities and how their targets can be reached.

It's no secret that top of the list is the recapturing of the European Cup from Nottingham Forest and retaining the Championship. Brian Clough's club look like being the main stumbling blocks — although this time we won't be meeting them in the First Round of the European competition because, like us, they'll be seeded.

Our training staff's first task is to get us all back to match fitness by taking us through our usual pre-season training routine. By now they've got it down to a fine art and know exactly how to bring us to the right pitch without fear of anyone "blowing up" under excessive strain, either through not being ready for action or being over-trained.

Much of the club's success, certainly in the 70's, is due to the pre-season preparation of the play-

ers, getting them in the right mental and physical attitude that will see them through the arduous slog of 42 League games, the ties in three Cups (two domestic), and any internationals.

Before a ball is seriously kicked in anger, the foundations are laid. After the start of the season, training is merely a sort of topping-up process.

I'm writing this column on the Sunday before those of us who have been on international duty report back to join the rest, who have already endured a week of training.

*Ray helped former Everton star John Connolly (now Newcastle) to recover from a broken leg during pre-season a couple of years ago.*

Even though it's been only around a month since I ceased playing for England, my muscles have lost their tone and before tomorrow is out I'll be complaining of a few aches and pains.

One of the first items in the routine is weighing-in, and although I'm not seriously overweight, I'm still carrying a few extra pounds. However, I prefer this, as I'll sweat them off gradually and within a few weeks will be back to my playing weight.

I've heard stories that some clubs actually fine players so much per pound if they report back looking like Billy Bunters. This doesn't happen at Liverpool — mainly because

no one here would allow himself to get badly out of condition — and I suspect that those clubs who have this rule only use it as a deterrent to a small minority who can't be trusted not to over-indulge in the good life.

**RAY CLEMENCE**  
talking soccer

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### Ipswich's worst defeat

My Dad tells me Fulham beat Ipswich 12-0 one Christmas. Is he right?

**PAUL BLACKMAN, ESSEX**

• Nearly, but not quite, Paul. It was 10-1 — in a First Division game at Craven Cottage on Boxing Day, 1963.

That score, incidentally, is not only Fulham's record victory, but also Ipswich's worst defeat.

In those days, most clubs played each other twice over Christmas — and a couple of days later, at home, Ipswich got some consolation with a 4-2 revenge.

### Six sent-off

Is it right that Celtic once played in a game with six men sent-off?

**MICHAEL BYFORD, BELFAST**

• Quite right, Michael. It was in a "World Club Championship" challenge between the current European Cup winners and Racing Club of Argentina, the South American Cup winners, in October and November, 1967.

Celtic won the first leg 1-0 at Hampden Park, and then set off for a stormy stay in South America.

In Buenos Aires, goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson was laid out by a stone as he walked on to the pitch, and had to be replaced by a reserve. When the match did get started, Racing won 2-1 to tie the aggregate at 2-2.

Celtic were persuaded to stay on for a decider in Montevideo three days later

which Racing won 1-0 after five players — including Lennox, Johnstone, and Hughes — took "early-baths".

The referee later revealed that he'd also sent-off Auld in the dying moments but that, in the general pandemonium, the player had remained on the pitch!

### Equal points

Can you please tell me if two Football League clubs have ever finished a season with identical records?

**ANDREW PRESHOUS, SHROPSHIRE**

• Well, not in every respect, Andrew — but I have found a case of a couple who once finished-up with an equal number of points, and also the same number of goals for and against.

That was in the old Third Division (North) in 1952-53. Chesterfield and Tranmere each got

for the sand treatment, and I don't envy them one bit.

The longest distance we ever run is a mile around the track at Melwood, our training ground.

After a while, the ball comes out, but only in the afternoons, when we are loosened-up and capable of kicking it about without any fear of pulling a muscle.

It's then we concentrate on the basic skills, such as short passing, keeping the ball in the air, and heading. I particularly enjoy the head tennis.

Towards the end of the first week we begin playing five or three-a-side games, which we regard as the highspots of training.

It's not until the end of the second week that the 'keepers in the squad are segregated for specialised training, and to begin with we're given exercises to increase our agility, particularly around the 18-yard box.

We graduate to catching balls crossed over from corners, which is an essential in goalkeeping. Facing up to shooting is generally kept to the day before we actually play a match against another club.

Training is always now conducted behind closed doors at Melwood. At one time young fans were welcomed, but unfortunately some would stray from the car park, encroach on the pitches and get in

the way of the trainers and players.

Also, it was not a good advertisement for the club for fans to see players really suffering under the rigours of the various exercises.

We're a cynical bunch, and anyone in trouble soon finds himself the victim of a lot of ribbing. I suppose it's a way of relieving the tension. Or perhaps relief that he, and not you, is making a fool of himself.

Tiredness is usually the cause of someone becoming a target for ridicule. Occasionally a player will go "legless" at the end of a fast mile run, wobbling all over the track like a circus clown.

Or the trainers will institute a set

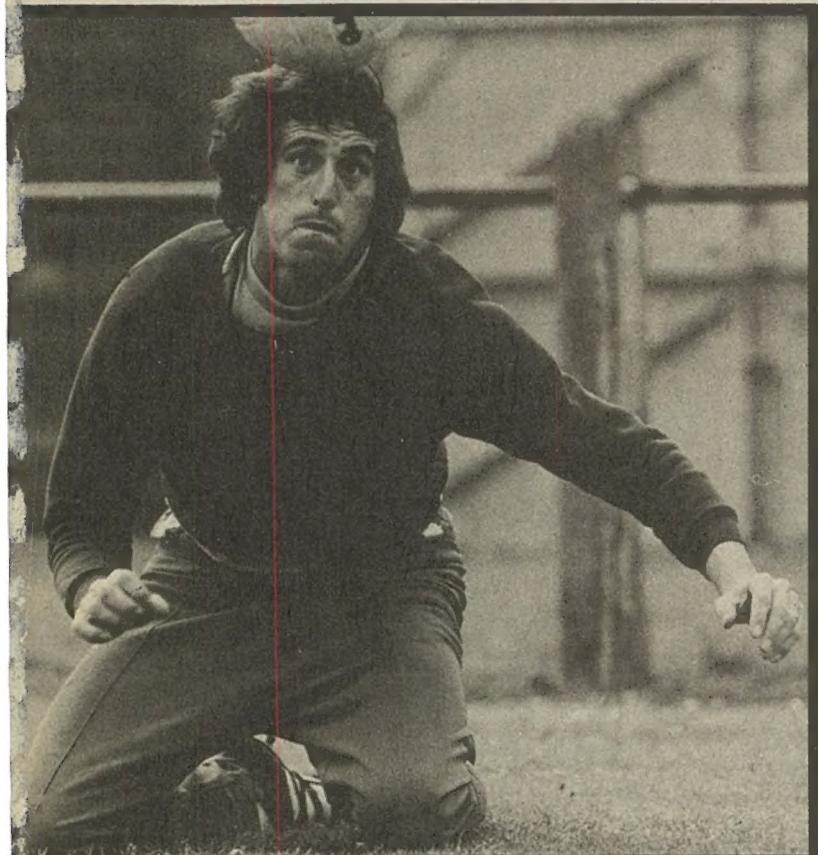
harder-worked, he'll say so. I dread to over-hear him say to Ronnie something like: "I think Ray needs pushing a bit more . . ."

But we don't resent going home every night as though we've been put through a mangle. For we know that by the end of the training we'll be as fit as the "bootroom boys" can make us.

On July 31st we embark on a pre-season tour of warm-up games. The first is against our old rivals from West Germany, Borussia Monchengladbach, with whom we've feuded for many seasons in European competitions.

After playing Borussia we go to Gelsenkirchen for a tournament in

# of our pre-season training'



of exercises to be done by numbers, and someone whose become a bit light-headed, confuses the numbers, and does the wrong thing!

Occasionally, Bob Paisley will join in a practice game, but generally he strolls around running his own progress report on each player. If he thinks someone needs to be

**'We train morning and afternoon'**

which we meet Schalke, Benfica and a top Dutch side.

Next on the itinerary is a game against a Danish side before returning home to get ready for the Charity Shield curtain-raiser v. Arsenal at Wembley.



47 points; and each had the same goal tally of 65 for and 63 against.

As they were in mid-table, it didn't matter all that much — and, purely for the sake of convenience, Chesterfield were placed ahead of Tranmere on "alphabetical" grounds.

Had, though, promotion or re-election been involved . . . then there are provisions for a deciding match, or matches to be played to separate the two clubs.

## Keegan's first

In which full international did Kevin Keegan score his first goal?

**DARREN MEREDITH,  
HARTLEPOOL**

● It was in England's 2-0 win over Wales in Cardiff on 11th May, 1974, Darren.

It was the third of Kevin's many internationals to come.

## Liverpool hammered

Please settle an argument — have Aston Villa scored five goals against Liverpool in recent years?

**P. WALDRON,  
BIRMINGHAM**

● They certainly have — with a 5-1 win, at Villa Park, on 15th December, 1976. It was Liverpool's heaviest League defeat for 13 years. All the goals came in the first half — Andy Gray and John Deehan each getting a couple for Villa, and another from Brian Little, Ray Kennedy replying.

That shock defeat dented Liverpool's pride to a "mere" second place in the table for a couple of weeks — but that was the last time they were out of the top-spot for the rest of that Championship-winning season.

## SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool's goals in their 3-0 victory over Newcastle in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final were scored by Keegan (two) and Heighway.

**RUDOLPH JEREMIAH,  
LONDON, S.W.6**

● Stoke's only major honour has been winning the League Cup in 1971-72 (beating Chelsea 2-1 in the Final).

**RAVI TOLANI, INDONESIA**

● Darlington's highest total of League points in one season was 59 in the Fourth Division during the 1965-66 season.

**BEN RUSSELL,  
SANDHURST, SURREY**

● Tommy Docherty's first signing as manager of Queens Park Rangers was 22-year-old Peter Davidson for £40,000 from Berwick Rangers.

**JASON MILLER,  
BOURNEMOUTH**

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



**'Liverpool have the best attack'**

— John Wile (W.B.A.)

**B**ETWEEN Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, my vote would go to Liverpool for having the best attack. They have worked very hard at developing their attacking strength, and they have more players in depth to throw in if necessary.

Up-front, Kenny Dalglish is expert at holding the ball while his team-mates run into attacking positions, and his distribution can be immaculate — he fully deserved being chosen as Footballer of the Year by soccer journalists. For Nottingham Forest, John Robertson is another player who retains possession before releasing the ball to good effect, and he receives valuable support from Tony Woodcock and Garry Birtles.

But in action against the Liverpool and Forest attacks, I've found that it is Liverpool who can feature a spell in their game when they can be really devastating, and threaten to over-run the opposition.

**Marks:** Liverpool 8/10; Nottingham Forest 7/10.

In defence, I reckon there is absolutely nothing to choose between Forest and Liverpool — it is a matter of splitting hairs, because the rearguards of both teams are so evenly matched. Both are so well-organised, quick to cover and ready to run for each other that they are tremendously difficult to penetrate.

However, in matches against them last season for West Bromwich, we did find it a little easier to find a way through the Forest defence than it was to discover loopholes in the Liverpool rearguard. But having created shooting space, against Forest, there was still Peter Shilton to beat. His performances as part of the Forest defence were excellent enough to bring it up to the high level of Liverpool's.

**Marks:** Nottingham Forest 9/10; Liverpool 9/10

For temperament, there is also nothing between the two sides, although it was Liverpool who were the first to set up a fine standard of behaviour on the field, and their players are generally even-tempered. Also, Liverpool have been so used to the big occasion for so long that pre-match "nerves" are less likely to bother them, though Forest have gained rapidly in experience. And both teams are alike in one important aspect — when they are behind in a game, they keep on fighting.

**Marks:** Liverpool 9/10; Nottingham Forest 9/10



Phil Neal scores for Liverpool against Manchester United at Anfield.

# LIVERPOOL BETTER THAN

Finally, as the best all-round side, I would choose Liverpool. They have been together longer than Forest, and this works to their advantage, but both believe in team-work as the basis of their success — everything works well within the system. No doubt about it, two great sides, with Liverpool just coming out ahead.

**Marks:** Liverpool 9/10; Nottingham Forest 8/10



**I**believe Nottingham Forest to be a better attacking side than Liverpool because Forest use two wingers, whereas Liverpool favour 4-4-2 formation. My job as a full-back against Forest is to specifically mark John Robertson — he plays wide on the left, and is the sort of winger who needs to be closely watched. Of course, both Forest wingers will drop back when necessary, but when moving forward they put plenty of pressure on the opposition.

Liverpool's technique is to force attacks through midfield men such as Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy, with Kenny Dalglish carrying on the work. Kenny is the best in the League at his game of keeping possession and in finishing, and when Steve Heighway is in the side, he poses problems for defenders with his habit of drifting across field and his individual runs.

**Marks:** Nottingham Forest 9/10; Liverpool 8/10

still think Liverpool have the stronger defence of the two.



**'Clough won't tolerate bad temper'**

— John Craggs (Middlesbrough)

Liverpool have the edge over Nottingham Forest in defence, especially when taking into consideration the display of each back-four department as a whole. There is no weakness at all in Liverpool's back-four, and it doesn't seem to matter which players they have in their defence — whoever plays in it seems to adapt very quickly to the style of the other defenders, and efficiently do the job required of him.

With Forest the weakness of their defence is in the middle of the back-four. Yet the displays of Peter Shilton in goal for Forest are usually so brilliant that he helps to put the Forest defence on a more level footing with Liverpool's.

**Marks:** Liverpool 9/10; Nottingham Forest 8/10

Both Liverpool and Nottingham Forest are well equipped when it comes to temperament. There are no hot-heads in the Liverpool line-up, and Brian Clough (above) will not tolerate any outbursts of temperament from his players. For both teams, every game is like a Cup-tie, with every side out to beat them.

**Marks:** Liverpool 9/10; Nottingham Forest 9/10

Best team? I say Liverpool — they won the First Division Championship in style, conceded less goals than their rivals, and scored over 80. They were good in all departments.

**Marks:** Liverpool 10/10; Nottingham Forest 9/10



of the ball. Tony Woodcock, too, contributes fully in attacking moves, which are all well-planned, enabling Garry Birtles to operate with maximum effect.

About Liverpool, there isn't much I can say that hasn't already

## 'Two great teams, the best in Europe'

— Paul Mariner (Ipswich)

FOR attacking ability, I can only award top marks to Liverpool and Nottingham Forest — I just can't separate them. With Trevor Francis, a brilliant player, in their line-up, Forest are tremendously impressive going forward, and their style of play is concentrated on giving John Robertson plenty

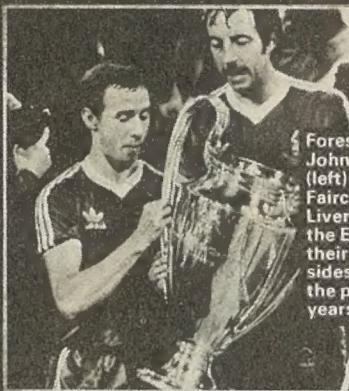
been said. They can go at the opposition non-stop, and they are always aiming to give their game plenty of width. One way of doing this has been to give Steve Heighway his head, and his gift of prising open the tightest of defences has paid dividends for Liverpool throughout the years.

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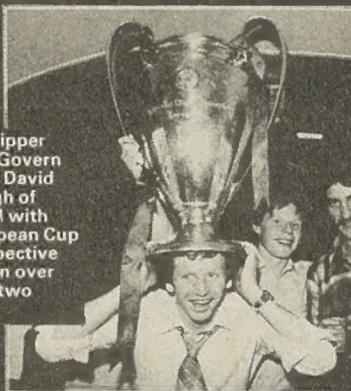
But which is the team with the greatest chance of lifting the European crown again for England next season?

Is it the all-conquering Liverpool machine that defends in numbers and goes forward like a stampeding cattle drive, or European Cup Champions Nottingham Forest, pretenders to Liverpool's League crown, who brim with exciting attacking ideas centred on £1 million England striker Trevor Francis?

Four distinguished League players give their verdicts on the respective merits of the two clubs . . .



Forest skipper John McGovern (left) and David Fairclough of Liverpool with the European Cup their respective sides won over the past two years.



Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 10/10.

I put Liverpool just ahead of Forest in defence, with only a hairsbreadth between the two teams in the back-four department. Larry Lloyd and Kenny Burns are a solid duo in the middle of the Forest rearguard, and for Liverpool, Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen are equally hard to pass.

Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 9/10.

Neither Forest nor Liverpool can be criticised for temperament, and both teams go out to play football and to win fair and square.

Both have squads of 15 players whose approach seems right in every way, and European Cup successes, plus League title wins, have given these players valuable experience. Summing up, I plump for Forest as having the ideal temperaments — by a whisker.

Marks: Nottingham Forest 10/10: Liverpool 9/10.

Both teams come out equal by my reckoning — England are fortunate to have two great sides of the calibre of Liverpool and Forest. They are the best in Europe.

Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 10/10.

# FOREST.....JUST!



Garry Birtles and Tony Woodcock, whereas Liverpool are inclined to rely to a large extent on Kenny Dalglish.

I think the Forest attackers have more of the "killer" instinct than

## 'Liverpool would beat Forest'

— Kenny Hibbett (Wolves)

Liverpool's front runners, and although Trevor Francis took some time to settle in, he has now firmly established himself with Forest and will help them to score a lot of goals next season. With Forest having more men who can be

dangerous up-front than Liverpool, their attack is harder to pin down, so I give them the edge in this department.

Marks: Nottingham Forest 9/10: Liverpool 8/10.

Defensively, there is so little to choose between Liverpool and Forest that it is difficult to make a selection, but after much thought I have to come down on the side of Liverpool. For Forest, Larry Lloyd is a great winner of the ball — he attacks it in the air, and Kenny Burns does a masterly job of sweeping up around Larry, making them a formidable pair in the heart

of the defence. And Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen are equally effective for Liverpool, and Forest's Viv Anderson and Liverpool's Phil Neal level in ability at right-back. At left-back, Alan Kennedy's speed and youth give him an advantage over veteran Frank Clark, but I wouldn't take anything away from Frank's magnificent service for Forest.

Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 9/10.

In temperament, both teams are outstanding, and if you asked me who I judged to possess the perfect approach to any situation on the field, John McGovern of Nottingham Forest would be the man. He is unflappable, and is always able to exert a calming influence on any of his team-mates.

Of course, Liverpool have proved for a long time that their temperament is just right, and it has carried them successfully through big games in England and on the Continent. But what is important is the ability and discipline of Forest and Liverpool to control any feelings of nervousness.

Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 10/10.

Who is the best team, Forest or Liverpool? Well, if they meet in the European Cup next season, I will take Liverpool to win. They have been a great side for years, and their record speaks for itself.

Marks: Liverpool 10/10: Nottingham Forest 9/10.



WITH Trevor Francis in form, Nottingham Forest will score more goals than Liverpool — Forest have the better attack, which includes John Robertson,

Liverpool's Terry McDermott is thwarted by Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Peter Shilton.



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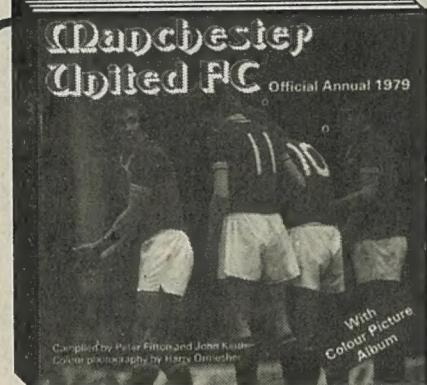
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## CHAMPIONS in EUROPE

**T**RÖPHY laden Linfield, Ireland's most successful club in a century of Emerald Isle soccer, chalked up their 32nd Irish League Championship triumph in 1978-79.

The famous Belfast Blues, whose fabulous title-winning record is second only in British soccer to that of their renowned Scottish counterparts, Rangers, have also amassed 31 Irish F.A. Cup wins, plus innumerable successes in the Ulster Cup, Hennessy Gold Cup, City Cup and County Antrim Shield competitions.

Linfield are a great club with an unrivalled trophy-winning tradition of Irish soccer. Their impressive record of accomplishment speaks for itself.

Indeed, soon after their 1886 formation by soccer-draft employees of the Linfield Mill, in Belfast, the illustrious Blues rapidly became Ireland's top outfit.

They won the first three Irish League Championships, between 1891 and 1893, completing a "hat-trick" of League and Cup "doubles" at the same time. Blues' teams of later generations were to repeat their magical predecessors' unique title-treble feat, in 1907-1909 and 1954-56, in addition to two successive wins on other occasions, 1922-23, 1934-35, 1949-50, 1961-62 and in the past two terms.

Linfield used various grounds in the locality before moving into

### 1978-79 LEAGUE GOALS

Feeley (10), Murray (6), Jameson (5), Rafferty (5), McCurdy (4), Dornan (3), Koch (3), Nixon (2), Coyle, Fraser, Hayes, Kirk, McGaughy (one each). Own goals 3.

# LINFIELD THE BELFAST BLUES— RECORD TROPHY-WINNERS

Compiled by Eddie McKee

their present internationally-famous, 60,000-capacity Windsor Park stadium, in 1905. It is, of course, Northern Ireland's home ground and, more often than not, the venue for the Irish F.A. Cup Final.

Many great players have appeared for the Belfast club in its 93-year history.

Perhaps the most famous was legendary goal-ace Joe Bambrick, whose 94 first-class goals in 1929-30 included an incredible "double hat-trick" in Northern Ireland's 7-0 Belfast demolition of Wales, and a brilliant foursome in Blues' 4-3 Irish Cup Final conquest of Ballymena. Ironically, both scoring feats occurred at Celtic Park, home of Linfield's then great arch-rivals Belfast City.

Another great Blueman was ex-Newcastle United and England striker Jackie Milburn, a three-time

F.A. Cup-winning medallist with The Magpies, in the 1950's. Player-coach Milburn hit two in a 5-1 Irish Cup Final rout of Ards in 1960, was the club's top marksman in three consecutive terms, 1957-58 to 1959-60, and notched a then post-War record 56 goals in Blues' 1958-59 title-clinching campaign.

Linfield have twice swept the boards in Irish soccer, taking all seven available senior trophies in 1921-22 and again in 1961-62. When they defeated Kamraterna (Sweden) 2-1 in a home-leg 1959-60 European Cup-tie, they were the first Irish side to win a Champions' Cup game. They are also the so far sole Emerald Isle outfit to reach the Euro Cup Quarter-Finals, doing so in 1966-67.

No doubt, more success, at home and abroad, looks on the cards for the celebrated Windsor Park aces.

1978-79 Record							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiat Irish League.....	22	14	6	2	46	21	34
Bass Irish F.A. Cup .....	1	0	0	1	3	4	—
Morans Ulster Cup.....	11	8	1	2	28	12	17
Hennessy Gold Cup .....	5	4	0	1	15	6	8
Co. Antrim Shield .....	2	1	0	1	2	4	—
European Cup .....	2	0	1	1	0	1	—
	43	27	8	8	94	48	—

### PEN-PICTURES

**Ken Barclay:** Appeared for Irish League v. Scottish League last term, but under constant pressure from ever-improving George Dunlop for goalkeeping berth. Age 29. Born Whitehead. Ht. 6.4. Wt. 13.7.

**Roy Coyle:** Blues' player-boss since late 1975 arrival from Grimsby Town. Consistent defender and full Northern Ireland cap. Also had spells with Sheffield Wednesday, Glentoran and Ballymena. Age 33. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0.

**George Dunlop:** A 1977-78 capture from Ballymena United. Made first team breakthrough last term and now one of Ulster's top 'keepers. Age 23. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.0.

**Warren Feeley:** Hit around 200 goals for Glentoran before 1978-79 switch to Linfield. Blues' leading title-winning ace with ten League goals. Full Irish cap. Age 29. Born Swansea. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0.

**Alan Fraser:** Longest-serving current Blueman and back-four regular with well over 300 senior outings. A Northern Ireland School-

boy, Youth and Inter-League cap. Age 26. Born Dromore. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9.

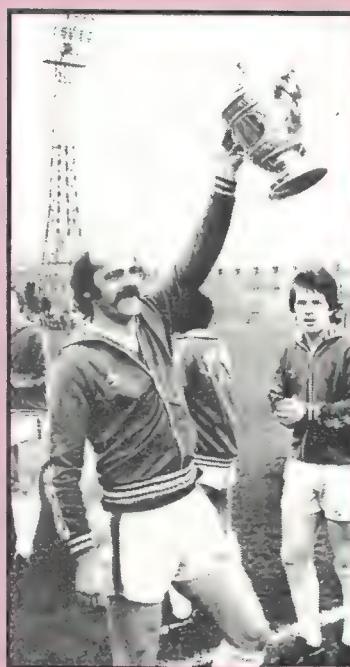
**John Garrett:** Versatile defender who was injury-plagued for much of 1978-79. Ex-Irish Schoolboy and Youth cap. Age 19. Born Ballymena. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8.

**Cyril Hewitt:** Industrious forward formerly with Middlesbrough, from whom he joined Linfield, in 1976. Age 23. Born Newtownabbey. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 11.8.

**Terry Hayes:** Classy defender or midfielder. Rejoined Linfield after spell with Luton Town. An Irish Youth and Under-21 international. Age 19. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 9.7.

**Johnny Jameson:** Skilful midfielder formerly with Huddersfield Town and Bangor. Ex-Irish Youth cap. Age 21. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.7.

**Paul Kirk:** Central defender or striker. A May, 1978 signing from Bangor, versatile Paul also appeared for Crusaders, Ballymena and Glentoran. Age 26. Born Belfast. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0.



Club captain Peter Rafferty.



### PLAYER-MANAGER COYLE

**LINFIELD** player-boss Roy Coyle (above) arrived at Windsor Park late in 1975, after spells with Grimsby Town, Sheffield Wednesday, Glentoran and Ballymena United.

Belfast-born Coyle, a consistent defender, earned an Irish League medal with Glentoran, in 1969-70, and picked up five full Northern Ireland caps while with Sheffield Wednesday, in the early '70s.

In 1977-78, the astute Blues' supremo led his talented team to an Irish League-Irish Cup-Ulster Cup treble, and a repeat of their League and Ulster Cup triumphs, last term. All told, a colourful spell of trophy-winning glory which has made the Linfield mastermind the idol of Windsor and Northern Ireland's most successful club boss in the past two seasons.

**Colin McCurdy:** Rejoined Linfield, in April, 1979, after spells with Larne, Fulham, Philadelphia Fury and Larne, again. His Easter Monday hat-trick v. Larne was sole '78-79 League treble by a Blueman. In all, 16 senior goals last term, four of them for Linfield. Age 23. Born Belfast. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.0.

**Billy Murray:** Scored only six 1978-79 League goals, but top seasonal ace with 23 in all competitions. Signed from Portadown, in 1977-78, and a Northern Ireland U-21 cap. Age 22. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.0.

**David Nixon:** Irrepressible midfielder and loyal clubman with around 250 senior appearances. Age 25. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.4.

**Frankie Parkes:** Talented defender who can perform equally well on right or left flank of back-four. Age 23. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7.

**Peter Rafferty:** Club skipper and dominant pivot. A 1973 arrival from Distillery and a regular first teamer ever since. An Irish League cap. Age 30. Born Belfast. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.4.

# LINFIELD

## Irish League Champions



Front (from left):  
Ken Barretay, Frank Parkes, Jim Martin (now Glenormiston Rover's coach in 1987),  
David Nixon and Sammy Ruddy

Back (from left):  
Cyril Hewitt, Billy Murray, Peter Rafferty, Ieathie Martin, Malon,  
John Garrett, Alan Frazer, Terry Kock.

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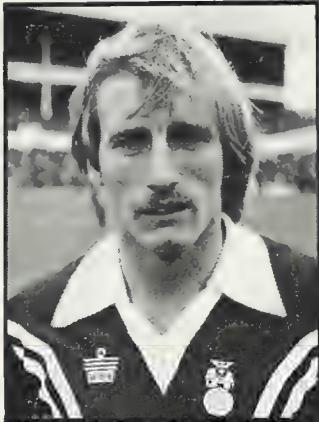
# THE TEAM THAT AIMS TO BRING PEACE TO THE TERRACES



THE "Peace Band" featuring a team of famous soccer internationals, released a record recently, "Peace" and "A Peace of Reggae" on the WEA International label. The Hand of Peace movement was launched in an attempt to curb violence on the terraces. The prime motivators are former Leeds and England defender Paul Reaney and TV and radio personality Jimmy Savile OBE. The stars involved line-up here. They are back row (left to

right), England star Dave Watson, Gordon McQueen (Man United and Scotland), Phil Parkes (West Ham and England), Ricardo Villa (Spurs and Argentina). Middle row: Paul Reaney (Bradford City and England), Peter Withe (Newcastle), Bob Latchford (Everton and England), Viv Anderson (Nottin Forest and England). Front row: Steve Perryman (Spurs and England), John Hollins (Norwich and England), and Osvaldo Ardiles (Spurs and Argentina)

# FOOTBALL PUNNIES



This week Coventry City's Steve Hunt selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Camouflage, son. Get the idea? Merges in with the back of the net"



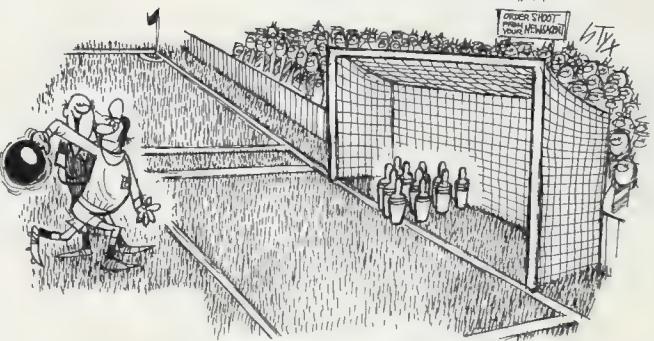
"Remember the bad old days when we didn't have a shower?"



"What a gate — 11 players' wives — ten debt collectors — 35 complimentaries — nine pound in coppers and two foreign coins"



"Play is being held up while iron man Wilkins is receiving a little attention from the bench"



"Finding it a bit quiet down this end are we?"

## REFS MUST MIX WITH PLAYERS

*SHOOT* is giving its popular "You Are The Ref" column a well-earned summer's break. But devotees of top British referee Clive Thomas should not be too disheartened, for the magazine is taking the opportunity to publish extracts from his new book, entitled "Soccer Referee".

It gives a guide to fitness and technique and makes compulsive reading. The first feature in the series is published below.



REFEREES, like players, come in different sizes and vary in ability. Club managers know it and they are fully aware of the weaknesses of officials.

It is only to be expected the qualities of a referee are subjected to the same critical examination as those of the players.

A referee needs to be as professional as the highly paid players he is controlling according to the Laws of the Game.

He must be able to enforce these Laws impartially, whilst ensuring there is as little interference with the flow and enjoyment of each match as possible.

### Fashion

The hallmark of a good referee is that he has established such a respect that he can remain inconspicuous and blend into the game in such a fashion he is virtually part of the pattern.

It takes a spell to achieve such a respect though and experience to acquire the expertise. A referee can speed-up the process by getting to know the foibles and temperament of players.

That's why I have always been keen on meeting players socially. Talking over a cup of tea or a drink at the bar gives a referee an insight into the personality and character of players which can be very useful in an explosive match situation.

This acquired knowledge can help an official anticipate trouble and head it off in the making — because the art of good refereeing is anticipation.

Extracts from "Soccer Referee" a guide to fitness and technique, written by Clive Thomas and Tom Hudson (Duckworth, Gloucester Crescent, London).

Football, behind the scenes and the glamour, is just like any other business, demanding the same kind of dedication, expertise and competitiveness from management.

Equally, a referee has to become proficient in man management because that's what it amounts to and is his role on the field.

Discussing various incidents with players immediately after matches, whilst they are still fresh in the mind enables everyone to express their views.

Often the individuals involved get a new slant on things and certainly learn to understand the referee's viewpoint, which creates a better rapport between players and officials for future games.

However, it's vitally important that these friendly chats are put in the right context and perspective. Whilst after match talks can be really lively affairs with no holds barred it's essential that my decisions on field, when I am next in charge of a game, are not questioned.

I make my decisions honestly, and like other human beings make mistakes, but demonstrable dissent by players does not help the game and can create crowd upsets.

This can lead to a deterioration in the standard of play if a referee is not competent and strong enough to deal with the situation. That's why referees must work and be concerned in establishing a sound, mutually respectful relationship with players.

# Alan Biley's goal-getting secret

ALAN Biley's biggest thrill is scoring goals, and ever since the 22-year-old Cambridge United striker left Luton on a free transfer four years ago, the goals and thrills have come in plenty.

"I was on the sub's bench for our opening game of the 1975/76 season at Doncaster, when we were in the Fourth Division," says Alan.

"Brendon Batson was with us at the time and with 20 minutes to go he limped off with a bad leg injury. It was 0-0 and I went on and made one and scored one."

"Ron Atkinson, who was the manager at the time, put me in for the following game against Charlton in the League Cup. We drew 1-1 and I scored the goal."

In the second match at The Valley, Alan broke a leg and was out of action for the rest of the season until the final three or four games.

"They played me to regain a bit of confidence," he says. "I scored four during that campaign, but I only played a mere handful of games."

The following season Alan was back on the goal-trail and in the Championship year he grabbed 20, and as Cambridge swept through the Third to the Second in successive seasons, the Biley record reads 24 in the Third Division and 21 last term. So what's the secret?

"When I first arrived at Cambridge I was told to think back on what I couldn't do before," he says. "I thought, well, I could never head a ball and my left foot wasn't all that good, so I worked on my bad points."

"After being given a free by Luton I fully intended to grab my chance at Cambridge with both hands. I broke a leg, which happened to be my right, so that setback helped me to develop my left."

"Our rapid rise through the Divisions gave me more confidence and as I've grown older I've matured."

"The first two seasons I was here the lads used to say that I got wonder goals. I'd rifle them in from 25 yards and nod home the spectacular diving headers, but last term I scored more sniffling goals."

Alan Biley (right) has just achieved a record never established in the Football League's history. In successive seasons he has broken the club scoring record in different Divisions — Fourth, Third and Second.

Alan, who describes himself as sharp, quick and good in the air for his 5' 8" figure, says: "I think we lack recognition at Cambridge. We were an obscure team a few seasons ago. We've had such a good rise and we're just beginning to get publicity."

"At the start of last season we were written off. Everyone said we would go straight back down, but after finishing around the middle of the Second Division table, people are beginning to stir."

"John Docherty, the present boss, is a track suited manager who takes the training and likes to be involved. He's very chirpy and very lively."

"The lads at Cambridge are tremendous and it's a lovely little club, but my aim is to play in the top flight. I'd love to play for England — that's everybody's dream, but I don't think you're really in with a chance unless you're a First Division footballer."

"It's true several clubs have shown an interest in me and a couple of bids have been made. Naturally I'm ambitious and would grab any chance of making it at top level."

"Denis Law and Jimmy Greaves are my favourites from the past and at the present time it's Jimmy Greenhoff. He's the player of my dreams; to me he's magic."

"I tend to go for the old inside-forwards and that's what I think I am. It's the position I've always liked and that's the best way of describing the way I play. If you say you're a striker, then it doesn't sound right nowadays."

"I have to admit it was a big thrill when we won the Fourth Division Championship and then going up again the following year. Last season it was great to play at the big grounds like Sunderland, Newcastle and West Ham for the first time. But, as I said at the beginning, the biggest thrill for me is getting the ball into the back of the net."



# Cantello and Co will lift Bolton



mean distinction he should be a guiding influence to the many budding youngsters like Burke, Walsh and Paul Jones at Burnden Park.

Nowak is a totally unknown quantity, and time is not on his side as he approaches 30 on his entry into the Football League. He has the reputation of being quick, two-footed and direct, however, and alongside Frank Worthington, Alan Gowling and Willie Morgan he has the chance to show his paces.

Worthington was the revelation of the 1978-9 season. His 25 goals represented his best haul for years and although he may be long in the tooth in a footballing sense he must have come close to selection for his country again. In several other countries he probably would have been resurrected.

## Unashamed admirer

Alan Gowling is one of those ungainly looking players who often needs the support of a manager when things are not going well and the crowd is baying.

Gowling certainly has the support of Ian Greaves, who took him to Huddersfield and again to Bolton, and is an unashamed admirer.

He also collected his fair share of goals last season and the chemistry with Worthington appears to work.

With little Brian Smith emerging as a better than average player in midfield, and Neil McNab, the former Spurs midfield player, now expected to blossom after the initial settling-in period it will be interesting to see if Bolton can sustain the improvement they made last season.

They mauled Arsenal and Manchester United, Leeds and Everton. With such an impressive collection of scalps Bolton are no pushover for anyone.

# Austrian Stars 'Dictators'

FK Austria Vienna have had two successful seasons, Cup - Winners' Cup Finalists and League Champions in 1978; League Champions and European Cup Semi-Finalists in 1979. But the club is about to be split, according to chairman Erik Geutner. He blames the club's international stars, Herbert Prohaska (right) and Walter Schachner who played against England recently, and leading striker Thomas Parits.

"They are more interested in money than playing football," says Herr Geutner. "And it seems to me they want to run the club."

Herr Geutner insists that he will resign at the club's annual meeting, leaving the club like illustrious neighbours SC Rapid, without a chairman.

"If FK Austria go on like this," says Herr Geutner, "we would soon find ourselves in the same position as Swarowski Wacker Innsbruck."

Champions not long ago, Innsbruck finished bottom of the League and were relegated.



Innsbruck suspended their international World Cup goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia, with 49 caps, for six weeks before the end of the season, together with his midfield brother Peter. Koncilia has now joined Anderlecht.

"They were dictators," says Herr Geutner, "and FK Austria players are going the same way. I will not preside over a club that breaks up through dictatorial players, and then gets relegated."

Herr Geutner goes on: "Prohaska and Schachner will not talk about new contracts for next season, and I have made many appointments to discuss the future with Parits, but he always comes up with some excuse at the last minute. I have made up my mind to go."

## PRESIDENT BEATS UP MANAGER!

ON the ninth fixture of the Peruvian League, no fewer than 11 players were sent off in the eight matches played, and the match between Alfonso Ugarte and Melgar had to be abandoned with the score at 2-0 when the visiting team (all eight of them!) simply sat down on the pitch and refused to continue!

There were also three men sent-off during Alianza's 1-0 win over Universitario in the big Lima derby. Two more were dismissed during Juventud La Palma's 0-1 home defeat by Municipal, and the home team's President was so incensed by the loss of the two points that he went down to the touchline and beat up the manager!

## JOINT RECORD

THE unbeaten record of League games in Brazil is 52 undefeated matches set up by Botafogo. Imagine, then, the excitement in Rio de Janeiro when Flamengo had gone 52 games without losing ... and faced Botafogo in the 53rd.

The Maracanã Stadium was alive with expectation as 140,000 were there (mainly Flamengo fans) to see the record broken.

Renato So scored a ninth minute goal for Botafogo ... and this proved to be the match-winner. So both clubs hold the record of 52 games unbeaten.

## ALL CHANGE

OVER the past few years, soccer in Holland has been played on Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. The League management has given the clubs notice to change and from 1980/81 all matches will be played on Saturday in the late afternoon. Protests are coming in from several clubs who prefer Saturday evening soccer as shops are open until five o'clock in Holland.

## "MIRACLE" WIN

THERE was a last-ditch battle to avoid relegation in the Spanish First Division, with three teams pinning their hopes on a good result in the final game.

Zaragoza reached safety with a 1-1 draw in Burgos. And Celta's 2-2 home draw with Atlético Madrid could have been enough for the Vigo side to avoid the drop . . . if Rayo Vallecano hadn't stunned all and sundry with an amazing 2-1 win in Las Palmas.

Rayo's "miracle" victory was all the more incredible because it was the Madrid club's first ever away win in the Spanish First Division! So poor old Celta keep up their reputation as Spain's yo-yo club — they've been up and down between the two top Divisions for the last five seasons!

## CRISIS IN PARAGUAY

THERE'S a major crisis in Paraguay following the resignation of national team manager Magín Luis Gomez. Gomez decided to step down as a protest against "lack of co-operation" from the football authorities, and made bitter attacks on them in Press interviews.

His departure leaves the national side with no manager just a matter of weeks before the Paraguayans are due to begin their American Championship qualifying matches against Uruguay and Ecuador.

The Paraguayan F.A. hurriedly made an offer to the Uruguayan manager, Luis Cubilla, who's led Olimpia to the Paraguayan League title and the Final of the Copa Libertadores . . . but Cubilla turned them down flat.

Paraguay were recently beaten 6-0 by Brazil in a friendly, and morale has reached an all-time low.

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## No promotion in France?

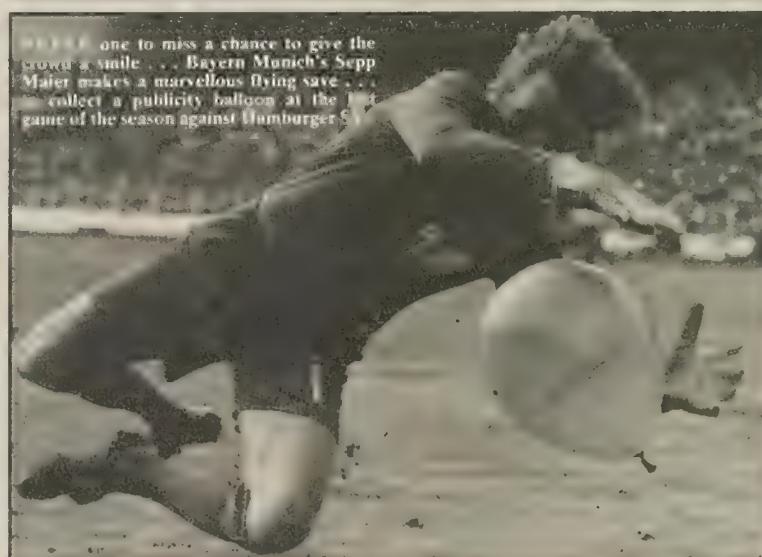
PROMOTION to the French First Division is assured for the Champions of Groups A and B in the North and South sections of Division Two. But this season it is possible that neither Champion will be promoted.

The French F.A. has a rule that all First Division clubs must be professional with at least £80,000 in hand at the start of the season.

Section North Champions Brest could just make it for they are only £15,000 short of the F.A. requirement and are confident that their local town hall and their regional sports council will give them the necessary grant.

But Southern section Champions FC Gueugnon have two problems. First they are only amateur, but must turn professional to gain promotion. Then they have to raise the necessary £80,000. With a population of only 11,000 the local council will be unable to raise local taxes sufficiently to give them £80,000.

It seems certain that the F.A. will not allow FC Gueugnon to play in the First Division because of their professional and £80,000 rule, but the F.A. are taking no action against First Division clubs that not only do not have the necessary £80,000 but like Marseille, Reims, Paris FC, Rouen, Rennes, Troyes and several more are deep in debt.



one to miss a chance to give the smile . . . Bayern Munich's Sepp Maier makes a marvellous flying save to collect a publicity balloon at the game of the season against Hamburger SV.

## KIND TO KROL

AJAX may have won the Dutch Double, but the Amsterdam club has been riddled with internal politics. The chairman has said in the Press he doesn't like manager Cor Brom and stated that Ray Clarke (top scorer with 26 goals) wasn't good enough!

Meanwhile, Arsenal can forget any hopes of buying sweeper Ruud Krol. Maup Caransa, a building company director and one of the richest men in Holland, is paying "some of Krol's salary".

When Ajax clinched the Championship several shops in Amsterdam were destroyed — the newspapers said that "our fans celebrated in the British way."

The players celebrated the title unconventionally, too. Someone had forgotten to order the customary champagne, so they drank tea instead . . .

## News flashes

REAL Madrid's new manager, 48-year-old Yugoslav Vujadin Boskov, will receive a signing-on fee of £32,000 a year for the next two seasons, a monthly salary of £900, and double the bonuses paid to the players.

WEST German Division Two South leaders Munich 1860 offered their players a bonus of £6,125 to win their last League game at home to 1.FC Saarbrücken that would clinch promotion to the Bundesliga. Munich won 3-1.

THE Cup-Winners' Cup Final in Basle pulled in receipts of 2½ million Swiss Francs, one-third of which came from TV rights. Barcelona and Fortuna Düsseldorf, the Finalists, each collect £170,000, while U.E.F.A. takes £120,000 and the Swiss F.A., collect £75,000.



Joao Havelange

**F.I.F.A.** (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) was founded in Paris on 21st May, 1904, by representatives of seven European countries, namely Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Among the 75th anniversary celebrations have been the construction of a new headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

There are now 146 National Associations in membership of the world governing body, the latest admission having been Mozambique in 1978. These associations are affiliated to F.I.F.A. within six Confederations: Conmebol, U.E.F.A., AFC, CAF, CONCACAF and OFC.

Conmebol which covers South America was founded in 1916 and has ten member associations, both U.E.F.A. (Europe) and AFC (Asia) came into being in 1954 and have 34 and 33 members respectively, while CAF (Africa) began in 1956 and now has 41 members. The most recent Confederations have been CONCACAF (North, Central America and Caribbean) founded in 1961 with 23 associations and OFC (Oceania) which came into being in 1966 and has five members.

When F.I.F.A. was originally formed in 1904 to improve the organisation of the game on an international basis and ensure that all countries used the same code or rules, written into its statutes was the right to organise an international Cup competition.

Largely as a result of the success of the Olympic Football Tournaments in 1924 and 1928, the World Cup was inaugurated in 1930 having been decided upon at the World Congress of F.I.F.A. two years previously.

The original World Cup trophy was a gold one known as the Jules Rimet Cup, named after the Honorary President of F.I.F.A. from 1921 to 1954. This trophy was won outright by Brazil who achieved three successes in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

The new trophy is known as the F.I.F.A. World Cup and was played for initially in 1974 during the tenth World Cup tournament held in West Germany.

Six different countries have won

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the trophy: Uruguay in 1930 and 1950; Italy in 1934 and 1938; West Germany in 1954 and 1974; England in 1966; Brazil in 1958, 1962 and 1970 and Argentina in 1978.

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The growth in member associations of F.I.F.A. was such that by 1929, 25 years after the formation of the body, there were 44 affiliated countries. By 1962 the 100th member had been admitted and that year the largest single intake of members were recorded when there were 12 new members.

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F.I.F.A.'s continual growth in membership can be seen from the 1970's since when there have been 14 new members.

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F.I.F.A. took over the organisation of the Olympic Football Tournament for the first time in 1908 and has controlled it since apart from 1932 when there was no football in the Olympic Games that year in Los Angeles.

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In 1913 F.I.F.A. was given representation on the International Football Association Board which had been formed in 1886 by the four Associations of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales to provide a uniform code of rules. The board meets at least once a year to discuss alterations to the Laws of the Game.

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There have been seven Presidents of F.I.F.A.: Robert Guérin (France) 1904 to 1906; Daniel Woolfall (England) 1906 to 1918; Jules Rimet (France) 1921 to 1954; Rodolphe William Seeldrayers (Belgium) 1954 to 1955; Arthur Drewry (England) 1956 to 1961; Sir Stanley Rous (England) 1961 to 1974 and Dr. Joao Havelange (Brazil) from 1974.

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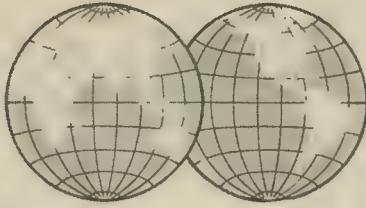
The United Kingdom associations have twice since their original membership entry, ceased membership of the Federation. After World War One, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales together with Belgium, France and Luxembourg refused to be associated with Austria, Germany or Hungary. It was suggested that they should form a separate Federation. But neutral countries such as Denmark and Norway were opposed to this and eventually the trouble was satisfactorily solved. The four home associations returned to F.I.F.A. in 1924.

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In 1928 the second withdrawal took place following disagreement over the Federation's definition of amateurism and more particularly the question of broken time payments. The four returned after the cessation of World War Two in 1945.

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The Executive body of F.I.F.A. consists of an Executive Committee.



tee, Standing Committees, an Administrative body, and two Honorary members.

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As part of the 75th anniversary celebrations, a match was played between Holland and Argentina in the 1978 World Cup Finalists, in Berne, Switzerland on 22nd May, 1979. Argentina the World Champions finally won 8-7 on penalties after the match had ended in a 0-0 draw.

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On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Football Association in 1938, England beat the Rest of Europe 3-0 at Highbury in front of 45,000.

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Great Britain beat the Rest of Europe 6-1 at Hampden Park in 1947 to celebrate the return of the four home associations to F.I.F.A. membership. The attendance was 130,000.

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On the 75th anniversary of the Football Association of Wales being founded, the Welsh had a 3-2 win over a team drawn from the rest of the U.K. at Cardiff in 1951.

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England drew 4-4 with a F.I.F.A. XI drawn from the Rest of Europe on the 90th anniversary of the F.A. in 1953 at Wembley before 100,000.

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The 75th anniversary of the Irish F.A. was celebrated when the Rest of Europe beat Great Britain 4-1 at Windsor Park in 1955. Attendance 35,000.

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England beat the Rest of the World 2-1 at Wembley before 100,000 on the Centenary of the Football Association in 1963.

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The Rest of Europe beat Scandinavia 4-2 in 1964 in Copenhagen on the occasion of Denmark's 60th anniversary.

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A match for the earthquake victims at Skopje, Yugoslavia was played between the Rest of Europe and Yugoslavia in Belgrade in 1964 and resulted in a 7-2 win for the representative side.

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Sir Stanley Matthews' retirement was honoured by the Rest of Europe beating Great Britain 6-4 at Stoke in 1965.

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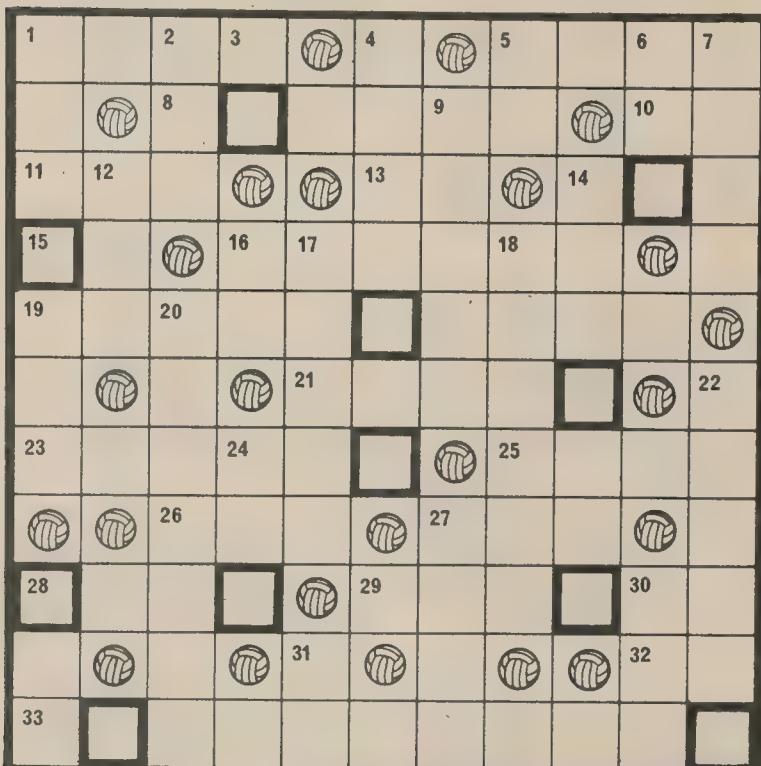
Spain's most capped international player at the time Ricardo Zamora was honoured in 1967 when an International Selection beat Spain 3-0 in Madrid.



Another goal for Brazil during their World Cup match against Russia during the 1958 Finals in Sweden.

# Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Arsenal player. Answers on page 42.



#### ACROSS:—

- (1) Old — Ground of Scunthorpe United.
- (5) Take four letters from Bob Paisley to make a word meaning "talk foolishly".
- (8) P--m--s-on Park, Queen of the South. Narrate from the missing letters.
- (10) Josef Ma--pust, European Footballer of the Year, 1962.
- (11) Garment from Albion Rovers.
- (13) S--ke City, 'The Potters'.
- (14) ---rta; Dutch League club.
- (15) Kevin B--d (Norwich City). The omissions reversed.
- (16) Shrewd or crafty.
- (19) Player replacing another.
- (21) Ma--l--d--own (The Stags). Make the missing letters into something extra.
- (23) Serving as . . . or stand-in.
- (25) -p-t--nd (Rochdale ground). "Besides" from the omissions.
- (26) Animal from Sunderland's nickname.
- (27) Watford, The H--n--ts.
- (28) Forename of Norwich City manager.
- (29) Start.
- (32) Terry -enn-e of Southampton.
- (33) Aston Villa midfield player. (4 & 7)

#### DOWN:—

- (1) — City from Vetch Field.
- (2) G--don -anks, Footballer of the Year, 1971/2.
- (3) Kilbo--i- Park, Clydebank.
- (4) Surname of young Arsenal midfield player.
- (5) George --ry of Wolves.
- (6) --rke-. (Surname of West Ham 'keeper) Snake from the missing letters.
- (7) Stuart —, Middlesbrough defender.
- (9) Persons who solicit the sale of match tickets for instance.
- (12) — Macari, Manchester United midfielder.
- (14) Decides or determines.
- (16) Peter E--toe of Everton.
- (17) Limitation of supply or effort.
- (18) Dennis —; player currently in U.S.A. transferred in March, 1974 from Sunderland to Manchester City for £275,000.
- (20) Terry —, Ipswich Town defender.
- (22) Surname of Sunderland defender . . . or a club.
- (24) — Bowyer, Nottingham Forest player.
- (27) An English river from Stenhousemuir.
- (28) Exercising trot.
- (30) The C-tta--rs (Fulham). The omissions reversed.
- (31) B--by. What completes the surname of a Q.P.R. player?



## NOZZLE STAR FOR

HAVING completed my third tour with England, Jackie and I planned to have a week in Portugal. It would have been nice to spend some time together in the sun, but because of difficulties with flights, we ended up in a friend's caravan in Wittering on the South coast. The weather wasn't as good as it would have been in Portugal, but at least we saw some of the Wimbledon tennis!

It also gave me the chance to catch up on some mail, and quite a few readers have asked me to talk about my England team-mates . . . what sort of people they are.

Well, starting in goal, Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton are not only close rivals, but close friends. They always room together and despite their intense rivalry are the best of pals. Whoever is picked to play, the other is always first to wish him well.

Ray is a bit of everything and a specialist at nothing! He'll give most things a go, but usually moves on to something else. Ray used to

**RAY WILKINS**  
Writes for you

be in the England card school, but isn't now.

Peter is, though, and he loves a game of cards. The "Cool Hand Lukes" are Peter, Kevin Keegan, Trevor Cherry, Tony Currie, Terry McDermott, Emlyn Hughes, myself . . . and Hadleigh. More of Hadleigh later.

We play seven card brag, just for small stakes. The winnings have been pretty well shared around, no one is a constant winner.

Both right-backs, Phil Neal and Viv Anderson, are quiet types, feeling happier with their club-mates. Phil Thompson is the same. Nozzle, as we call him (I think he is also



ABOVE, LEFT... "Sunbathing with 'Hadleigh' Brooking, Peter Barnes and Phil Neal in Stockholm."

ABOVE... "Great goalkeepers and close friends — Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence."

BELOW... "Pop star Kevin Keegan and pop fan Dave Watson."

keeps himself to himself. He knows one day Kenny Sansom will take over his number three shirt, but the Ipswich skipper hasn't let England down yet and Kenny could have to wait a while before becoming a regular in the senior side.

The three England midfielders, Steve Coppell, Trevor Brooking and myself, are very different.

As I said, Stevie is a happy-go-lucky guy and a player who could be one of those who plays better for his country than club. Mind you, I think Steve will carry on where he left off, for United in August. The form shown on the England tour must have boosted his confidence.

### Perfectly

Steve would do well at whatever he tackled — remember, he has a University degree. He never worries about a thing and prepares himself perfectly for games, being in the right frame of mind for the match.

Trevor Brooking is almost too much of a gentleman to be a footballer. We call him Hadleigh, after the suave landowner played by Gerald Harper on T.V.

I've never heard Trevor swear, and Trev loves to live up to his nickname. When he loses at cards, he'll turn round and call someone a cad!

Trevor is a truly great midfield player and it's been an education for me to play alongside him. However, we do give Trev some "stick" about his shooting! He's a scooper more than a shooter! Still, even though he doesn't score many, few players make more goals than the West Ham schemer.

Met? It's hard to talk about your-

As we came down the hotel stairs, Kevin was sitting on a lady's lap, wearing her glasses, singing away! Actually, it isn't a bad record. He told us he'd recorded a Top of the Pops spot and the disc was going to reach the Top 30. There's no way any of us would tell Kev to his face we like it, though!

Kevin likes to try everything and usually succeeds. Remember his winning performance in BBC's Superstars, when he won despite a nasty cycling accident?

He loves sport and would play something 24 hours a day if he could.

I was disappointed that Bob Latchford was criticised so much. I feel it's unfair and his team-mates certainly appreciate his unselfish work. Bob is more of a listener than a talker and understandably didn't say anything about the criticism, upset as he must have been. No player can afford to show any sort of weakness like this.

### Favourite

Emlyn Hughes wasn't everyone's favourite, although he played extremely well against Wales and Sweden. I felt sorry for him in Stockholm when he ran over half the length of the field, beat two men, shot... and hit the bar. Emlyn deserved better.

The Liverpool defender gets on with everyone and is rarely seen without a smile. I believe he is highly-regarded inside the game and I fully expect Emlyn to become a manager one day, perhaps after a coaching job initially.

Trevor Francis may be a £1 million star, but he's shy by nature. Again,

# AND HADLEIGH ENGLAND'

nicknamed Concorde because of his nose!) is very chirpy with the other Liverpool players, because he knows them better and club mates can develop a more personal sense of humour.

Dave Watson and Steve Coppell room together, which is just as well. They're our Music Men. Dave always takes a portable cassette on tours and we don't SEE Dave coming, we HEAR him... or rather Status Quo or another group! Steve is also a big music fan and his carefree attitude towards life is typified by his love for the pop world.

I'm pleased for big Dave that he got his wish and joined Werder Bremen. Apparently, like Kevin Keegan, he has a clause in his contract releasing him for important England games. Kevin has improved 100 per cent playing in West Germany, which in turn has benefited England. If the same happens with Dave, Ron Greenwood will be delighted.

Mick Mills is another guy who



self. I'm far more confident now, with more than 20 internationals behind me. Kevin Keegan told me when I came into the squad that it took him 20 matches before he felt like an England player and it's been the same with me. I really feel part of the squad now and I've come to terms with international football.

On my first tour to the United States in 1976, I thought I wasn't good enough and shouldn't be there. Mind you, even though I had a good Press this summer, I don't take much notice. It's nice to be praised, although you must never believe in your own publicity.

I room with Peter Barnes and we had plenty to talk about on the tour, with both of us on the verge of transfers. Like me, Peter was hoping to get something sorted out quickly.

Kevin Keegan is the Superstar, yet Kev hasn't changed at all, despite hitting the highspots. There is not the slightest resentment in the England camp because Kevin deserves all he gets. All the lads have the highest regard for him as a person and player.

Kev is the joker of the squad. In Vienna, he decided to "treat" us to an impromptu performance of his record "Head Over Heels In Love".

Trevor is happier when he's with his Forest club-mates.

He hasn't established himself in the England team yet, mainly because of unfortunate injuries. I'm sure Trevor will be a big asset to his country in the 80's because he's such a good player.

Forest seem to be playing him slightly deeper making full use of his ability to run at defences.

Trevor has done well this year considering all the publicity he's had. I expect him to do even better next season.

Incidentally, someone asked me the best country I've played against. It's hard to choose between Brazil, West Germany and Italy, all of whom were very strong. Not Austria, even though they scored four goals against us. They also conceded three and twice let a two-goal lead slip, which I'm sure the other three sides wouldn't. Even so, the Austrians looked pretty useful.

Join me again in two weeks.

ARGENTINA'S new superstar, a 18-year-old Diego Maradona, was the toast of Europe during the World Champions' recent tour. Maradona has been widely acclaimed as the new Pelé, an inevitable comparison, as anyone who has seen the youngster will testify.

Diego, himself, is flattered but not altogether happy about the comparison, while Argentina manager César Luis Menotti is even more adamant. "Diego isn't the new Pelé or the new anyone. He's the original Maradona."

Even so, the Argentinos Juniors midfield player makes no secret of the fact that Pelé was his childhood hero. And earlier in the year a dream came true for Diego when he made a special trip to Brazil to meet Pelé.

Maradona doesn't seek publicity. He is wary of the Press and hasn't yet learned how to trot out the "right things" to reporters. Invariably, Diego just clams up or says "later."

Finally, a reporter from Argentina's top sports magazine *El Gráfico* helps to break the ice by recalling some of the problems they had in arranging the rendezvous with Pelé. The main problem was Pelé's seven-days-a-week round of business engagements.

Maradona says: "Yes, it was a chance remark I made to an *El Gráfico* journalist last January while I was on holiday with my parents in a villa on the beach in Uruguay. I just said that I'd love to meet Pelé and they took it from there.

"Of course, I didn't think any-

thing would come of it. I once saw Pelé play in Buenos Aires, but never thought I'd actually sit down and talk to him face to face."

In fact, it was a complicated arrangement involving a lightning trip to Rio de Janeiro sandwiched between a League match and national team training.

Maradona's Argentinos teammates looked on in amazement as he rushed out of the dressing-room and headed for the airport with his father and agent, an Afro-haired 20 year-old with the almost unpronounceable name of Jorge Cyterszpiler.

"We arrived late at night at the Copacabana Hotel in Rio. The next morning we went to Pelé's apartment just down the road. It was incredible. It looked right out over the Copacabana Beach ... there was a hoverport on the roof ... and armed guards at the door!

"Pelé was fabulous. I didn't expect him to be so normal and natural. He just came into the room and said I shouldn't have made the trip just to see him because he's only a human being, the same as the rest of us.

"Then he said he was sorry he hadn't any presents to give me, but he signed a football, gave me one of his Brazil shirts and a gold medallion from his last game for the Cosmos. Oh, and a watch for my eldest brother.

"I was tongue-tied and didn't know what to say. Pelé just took me by the arm and made me sit next to him on the sofa. I couldn't believe he was actually sitting there giving me advice about my career."

# AT LAST A SUCCESSOR TO THE FABULOUS PELE!

The *El Gráfico* reporter recalled that Diego's father couldn't hold back the tears when he saw the great Pelé with his son. For a modest working man it was all too much.

"Pelé didn't have a lot of time," continued Diego. "He had to fly somewhere with his lawyer. But I'll always remember the advice he gave me.

"He told me to accept the crowd's applause without letting it affect me. The same if they whistle. He said that when he was 18, the fans jeered him occasionally. He added it was important never to believe I'm the best. The moment you begin to think that you're on the way down."

"Another thing I remember was what he told me about a foot-

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baller's working equipment being his body — so it's got to be well looked after. Pelé says there is a time for the odd drink and slap-up meal, but everything must be kept in proportion and not be exaggerated.

"I told Pelé that several foreign clubs had tried to sign me. His advice was to think of my family before I decide to leave the country. He said that in football, managers, directors and team-mates come and go, but the family is always the centre of your life.

"We talked about money, too. He feels it's important to fight for what you think you're worth and make people respect you as an individual. He also warned that once I sign a contract, I've given my word and should never complain or ask for more money afterwards. I'll always try to remember Pelé's words."

By this time, the Brazilian's lawyer was apparently champing at the bit, anxious to head for the airport.

Before he left, Pelé asked me how Argentinos Juniors were doing in the League. When I told him we were top, he promised to come and watch us play if we reached the play-off Finals.

### 'It's impossible'

"What a dream! Millions of kids fight to see Pelé, just to touch him, or get his autograph. There he was, with his arm round MY shoulder saying he'd like to see me play. It's impossible! I can't really believe it happened."

If Diego Maradona continues to improve on his current standards, before too long people could be saying the same about him.

At 18, he already has more than 100 League games and 60 goals behind him. He made his debut for Argentina aged just 16, against Hungary, and Menotti faced a most difficult choice when he came to naming his 22 for the World Cup.

Maradona was good enough, but Menotti had a lot of men with greater experience for the midfield positions and this swayed him. More than anything, understandably, he didn't want to throw such a precarious talent in the deep end and perhaps see it drown.

Since then, Maradona has topped the Argentina scoring charts — remember, he isn't a striker — and his club have set the pace in the League. They aren't necessarily an outstanding side, but they just give the ball to Maradona and let him do the rest.

As well as playing for the national team, Maradona is also involved with another of Menotti's sides, the Youths. Diego will soon be heading for Japan for the World Youth Cup Finals.

At 5ft 5ins, Maradona is hardly a giant, but has the strength to ride even the clumsiest tackles. His ball skills can make a defender seem stupid and his dribbling and passing had even the partisan Hampden Park fans applauding.

Next May, Argentina and Maradona will play England at Wembley. Maybe it's wrong to wish your life away, but the end of next season can't come soon enough for those who have already had the pleasure of seeing this amazing talent.

LEFT . . . Pelé autographs a ball for Maradona during the Argentine's visit to Rio.



### ABOVE . . .

Maradona, Pelé and an Argentine reporter in Pelé's apartment. Also, Diego with Pelé's Cosmos medallion.

This week's Star Letter comes from Sarah Debbage of Norwich, who wins our Special Prize of £3. She writes:

## KENNY APPRECIATED MORE IN ENGLAND

I've always admired the Scots for their loyalty; and their players must appreciate this almost "blind" support.

While listening to commentary on the Scotland/Argentina game, I was amazed to hear Denis Law saying: "I've noticed the last few times Kenny Dalglish has had the ball he's been jeered by the fans."

FANS! You must be joking! It's old hat now that Dalglish doesn't produce his club form for Scotland. When he has a poor game for his country, all the good things are forgotten. After a bad result, it's always Kenny who is singled out, even though four or five others have also been below their best.

For a man who's worked hard through a demanding season, he did remarkably well, I thought, and it was cruel to boo him. Remember, Kenny wasn't trying to play badly, he was doing his best.

Perhaps we expect too much of him. Thank goodness Kenny plays in England now, where he is, it would appear, more appreciated.

• Kenny (right) didn't play well against Argentina, but hardly any Scot did against a brilliant team. Liverpool are a better side than Scotland and inevitably Kenny will look better. His overall record for his country — a goal every three

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games — isn't bad. And would Scotland REALLY be a better team without Dalglish?



Scotland rules

DUNDEE United's display in the Japan Cup has convinced me

that Scottish football is TEN times better than English soccer. After beating an Italian side, United's much-depleted team faced Spurs in the Final and beat them.

When you consider there are at least six teams as good or better than United, it gives you an idea of how much better Scottish football is to English soccer.

PAUL REEVES,

TROON.

• I have to admire the never-say-die spirit of some Scottish fans. Their national team has just lost three out of five games, one of those to England, but because Dundee United beat Spurs, all is well. I've heard of clutching at straws, but . . .

### Pen pal

I'm a 16-year-old Norwegian boy and I support Q.P.R. I'd like to correspond with a boy or girl in England who also supports them.

RUNE LARSEN,  
SLETTELOKKA 10B,  
OSLO 5,  
NORWAY.

## Summer soccer

After reading Jack Charlton's views on summer soccer in SHOOT, I'm glad to know I'm not the only person who considers cricket. A lot of people like football AND cricket, so if any soccer IS played in June or July, it should be in the evening.

DAVID GARNSWORTHY,  
MUSWELL HILL.

• Summer soccer will never come. Remember, the whole structure of the game, from the humblest non-League to the First Division would need re-organising and that simply isn't possible. Carry on cricket!

## Three-page SHOOT

I THOUGHT you might like to know how one copy of SHOOT is destroyed each week. First of all, I read it and take all the Manchester United pictures out. Then I give it to my best friend, Maxi, who takes all the Liverpool photos out.

Maxi gives it to her brother David (Nottingham Forest) and David gives it to Nick (Spurs). Nick passes it to Tim (Arsenal) and Tim to Jen (Leeds). Jen to Robert (Bristol City) and Robert to John (Manchester City). John to Steve (Celtic) and eventually I get SHOOT back. All three pages of it!

PENNY WILLIAMS,  
CHAPMANSLADE.

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## CHAMPIONS in EUROPE

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IT WAS ironic that after playing the most attacking football of any club in the Bundesliga, Hamburger SV clinched the Championship by drawing 0-0 in Bielefeld while rivals VfB Stuttgart were inexplicably beaten 1-4 at home by 1.FC Cologne. Still, there was no doubt HSV deserved their first-ever Bundesliga title; equally, there is no doubt who their star was... England's Kevin Keegan.

At the beginning of the season most critics tipped Cologne and Borussia Mönchengladbach as favourites, with Stuttgart and HSV as outsiders. As it turned out, the favourites disappointed and the outsiders stole the show.

1.FC Kaiserslautern topped the table for the first 27 matches, apart from one week when Bayern Munich took over. Stuttgart led for three weeks until HSV's final drive took them to the title.

From their last 14 home games, HSV took 25 points, a record Kevin Keegan's former club, Liverpool, would be proud of. As Keegan says: "If a club is going to be Champions, it MUST win its home matches." HSV certainly did that, dropping just five points in front of their own fans.

HSV coach Branko Zebec has devised a system which he calls Team Harmony. Every member of the side can improvise, yet at the same time every performance is integrated. Therefore, a player can be off form, but this is not so noticeable. HSV's strength is in going forward. Their key man is Keegan and he is invariably the springboard of their attacks.

HSV have, more or less, bought their success. Only Kargus, Kaltz, Hidien and Memering came up through the system. The rest of the side has cost £2½ million over the past five years. Not surprising, then, that HSV have financial problems and huge debts. The help of new sponsors, BP, enabled them to obtain their licence for next season, but little money is available to strengthen the squad.

# HAMBURGER SV Champions of West Germany

## A FIRST' FOR THEM - AND KEVIN KEEGAN



### Keegan SV!

Kevin Keegan is the star of stars. Nobody can measure his talent or his value to HSV; suffice to say without Kevin they probably wouldn't have been Champions. HSV are popular throughout Germany and they are the second-best supported side behind Stuttgart.

Much of this popularity is to do with Keegan. He is often seen on T.V. and in the Press to the extent that people now call the club Kevin

Apart from Mighty Mouse, HSV's best players were Manny Kaltz, Ivan Buljan and the two new national team players William Hartwig and Caspar Memering.

At the other end of the scale, previous Champions Cologne disappointed, as did Borussia Mönchengladbach, and Hertha Berlin, third in 1977/78, but often in relegation trouble last term.

The overall standard of the Bun-

desliga in 1978/79 was better than expected after the poor form of West Germany in Argentina. Two clubs reached European Finals, Fortuna Düsseldorf and Mönchengladbach, with Borussia winning the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Fortuna will be in the Cup-Winners' Cup again as they beat Hertha Berlin 1-0 after extra-time in Hanover. The promoted clubs to the Bundesliga are Bayer Uerdingen, 1860 Munich and Bayer Leverkusen.

Best players in the Bundesliga outside Hamburg were Ronnie Hellström (Kaiserslautern), Bernard Dietz (MSV Duisburg), Hans Müller (Stuttgart), Klaus Allofs (Düsseldorf), and Bayern's Branko Oblak, Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Germans still believe their football is the best and have high hopes for HSV in the European Cup and Stuttgart in the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1979/80.

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(Left) HSV coach Branko Zebec is carried shoulder-high after his side had clinched the Championship.

Allan Simonsen (bottom left) scores the penalty that won the U.E.F.A. Cup for Borussia.

(Below) Fortuna Düsseldorf's Allofs brothers... Klaus (left, the Bundesliga top scorer) and Thomas.



# CHAMPION KE



Stylish defender Manny Kaltz, who played so well for West Germany in Wales recently.



BACK ROW: Peter Nogly, Rudi Kargus, Manny Kaltz, Ivan Buljan, William Hartwig, Horst Hrubesch.

FRONT ROW: Felix Magath, Peter Hidien, Willi Reiman, Caspar Memering, Kevin Keegan.



LEFT ... HSV fans salute Kevin Keegan.

BELOW ... Goalposts are broken as supporters invade the pitch at the last game of the season.



# KEVIN



ABOVE . . . Kevin Keegan hoists the Bundesliga shield to the delight of thousands of fans. A true Champion.  
LEFT . . . Midfield player Felix Magath, a new West German international.



## CHAMPIONS in EUROPE

HSV's two main rivals...  
VfB Stuttgart (white shirts)  
and 1.FC Kaiserslautern.

## FACTS & FIGURES

ROUND	HOME	WINS	AWAY	WINS	HOME	GOALS	AWAY	GOALS	TOTAL GOALS			TOTAL ATTENDANCES	BUNDESLIGA LEADERS
									PENALTIES	SCORED	SAVED		
1.	5	6	2	1	18:5	= 23	3	2	1	—	—	296,600	1.FC K'lautern
2.	5	3	1	1	23:14	= 37	1	1	—	—	—	271,000	1.FC K'lautern
3.	5	2	1	14:8	= 22	2	2	—	—	—	—	281,857	1.FC K'lautern
4.	6	3	—	21:9	= 30	2	1	1	—	—	—	237,100	1.FC K'lautern
5.	6	2	1	17:10	= 27	2	2	—	—	—	—	268,500	1.FC K'lautern
6.	5	1	3	23:15	= 38	1	—	1	—	—	—	235,040	1.FC K'lautern
7.	5	2	2	20:15	= 35	5	3	2	—	—	—	235,110	B. Munich
8.	5	3	1	19:14	= 33	4	2	2	—	—	—	256,535	1.FC K'lautern
9.	3	5	1	21:14	= 35	3	2	1	—	—	—	237,000	1.FC K'lautern
10.	3	2	4	11:12	= 23	4	3	1	—	—	—	259,835	1.FC K'lautern
11.	5	4	—	13:5	= 18	2	2	—	—	—	—	231,100	1.FC K'lautern
12.	5	3	1	17:6	= 23	2	2	—	—	—	—	287,500	1.FC K'lautern
13.	2	3	4	10:11	= 21	2	1	1	—	—	—	203,608	1.FC K'lautern
14.	7	1	1	22:8	= 30	3	2	1	—	—	—	257,153	1.FC K'lautern
15.	6	2	1	22:7	= 29	2	2	—	—	—	—	256,500	1.FC K'lautern
16.	7	—	2	24:8	= 32	2	2	—	—	—	—	228,723	1.FC K'lautern
17.	5	2	2	18:13	= 31	—	—	—	—	—	—	189,818	1.FC K'lautern
18.	7	2	—	22:8	= 30	2	2	—	—	—	—	250,789	1.FC K'lautern
19.	4	4	1	15:7	= 22	2	1	1	—	—	—	242,486	1.FC K'lautern
20.	4	4	1	20:12	= 32	5	5	—	—	—	—	177,300	1.FC K'lautern
21.	5	4	—	19:9	= 28	5	5	—	—	—	—	219,012	1.FC K'lautern
22.	2	3	4	11:18	= 29	3	2	1	—	—	—	187,637	1.FC K'lautern
23.	5	2	2	19:7	= 26	2	2	—	—	—	—	249,789	1.FC K'lautern
24.	5	1	3	16:12	= 28	4	3	1	—	—	—	224,000	1.FC K'lautern
25.	4	3	2	18:9	= 27	—	—	—	—	—	—	232,200	1.FC K'lautern
26.	6	2	1	23:10	= 33	4	4	—	—	—	—	180,984	1.FC K'lautern
27.	5	3	1	16:10	= 26	3	3	—	—	—	—	246,874	1.FC K'lautern
28.	7	2	—	19:6	= 25	—	—	—	—	—	—	219,000	VfB Stuttgart
29.	3	2	4	15:12	= 28	1	1	—	—	—	—	191,990	VfB Stuttgart
30.	4	3	2	15:11	= 26	2	2	—	—	—	—	194,170	VfB Stuttgart
31.	5	3	1	14:9	= 23	2	1	1	—	—	—	201,500	Hamburger SV
32.	6	1	2	21:10	= 31	7	4	3	—	—	—	242,600	Hamburger SV
33.	4	3	2	16:13	= 29	3	3	—	—	—	—	210,132	Hamburger SV
34.	3	3	3	15:18	= 33	2	2	—	—	—	—	177,718	Hamburger SV

The bearded Paul Breitner of Bayern Munich had a fine season.



FINAL TABLE	TOTAL						HOME						AWAY								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburger SV	34	21	7	6	78	—32	49	17	13	3	1	50	—13	29	17	8	4	5	28	—19	20
VfB Stuttgart	34	20	8	6	73	—34	48	17	14	2	1	45	—8	30	17	6	6	5	28	—26	18
1.FC Kaiserslautern	34	16	11	7	62	—47	43	17	13	3	1	41	—16	29	17	3	8	6	21	—31	14
Bayern Munich	34	16	8	10	69	—46	40	17	11	4	2	44	—17	26	17	5	4	8	25	—29	14
Eintr. Frankfurt	34	16	7	11	50	—49	39	17	12	3	2	34	—19	27	17	4	4	9	16	—30	12
1.FC Cologne	34	13	12	9	55	—47	38	17	8	6	3	32	—21	22	17	5	6	6	23	—26	16
Fort. Düsseldorf	34	13	11	10	70	—59	37	17	10	6	1	47	—23	26	17	3	5	9	23	—36	11
VfL Bochum	34	10	13	11	47	—46	33	17	7	6	4	26	—19	20	17	3	7	7	21	—27	13
E. Braunschweig	34	10	13	11	50	—55	33	17	8	7	2	26	—14	23	17	2	6	9	24	—41	10
Mönchengladbach	34	12	8	14	50	—53	32	17	9	3	5	34	—26	21	17	3	5	9	16	—27	11
Werder Bremen	34	10	11	13	48	—60	31	17	8	7	2	34	—23	23	17	2	4	11	14	—37	8
Bor. Dortmund	34	10	11	13	54	—70	31	17	10	5	2	33	—16	25	17	—	6	11	21	—54	6
MSV Duisburg	34	12	6	16	43	—56	30	17	10	3	4	27	—21	23	17	2	3	12	16	—35	7
Hertha BSC	34	9	11	14	40	—50	29	17	7	5	5	26	—20	19	17	2	6	9	14	—30	10
Schalke 04	34	9	10	15	55	—61	28	17	7	6	4	36	—26	20	17	2	4	11	19	—35	8
Arm. Bielefeld	34	9	8	17	43	—56	26	17	6	6	5	23	—19	18	17	3	2	12	20	—37	8
1.FC Nürnberg	34	8	8	18	36	—67	24	17	7	6	4	24	—24	20	17	1	2	14	12	—43	4
Darmstadt 98	34	7	7	20	40	—75	21	17	6	4	7	25	—31	16	17	1	3	13	15	—44	5

## TOP SCORERS

63/64 Uwe Seeler (HSV)	30
64/65 Rudi Brunnenmeier (1860)	24
65/66 Lothar Emmerich (Dortmund)	31
66/67 Lothar Emmerich (Dortmund) and Gerd Müller (Bayern)	28
67/68 Hannes Löhr (Cologne)	27
68/69 Gerd Müller (Bayern)	30
69/70 Gerd Müller (Bayern)	28
70/71 Lothar Kobluhn (RWO)	24
71/72 Gerd Müller (Bayern)	40
72/73 Gerd Müller (Bayern)	36
73/74 Gerd Müller (Bayern) and Jupp Heynckes (MG)	30
74/75 Jupp Heynckes (MG)	27
75/76 Klaus Fischer (Schalke)	29
76/77 Dieter Müller (Cologne)	34
77/78 Dieter Müller (Cologne) and Gerd Müller (Bayern)	24
78/79 Klaus Allofs (Düsseldorf)	22

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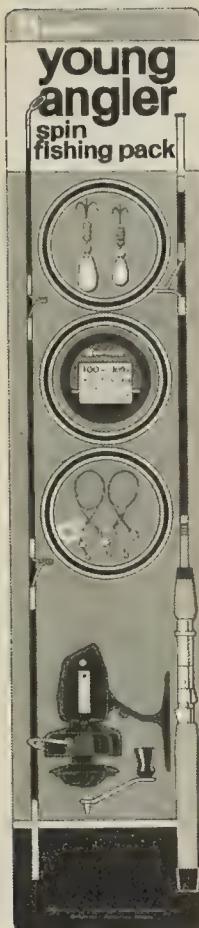
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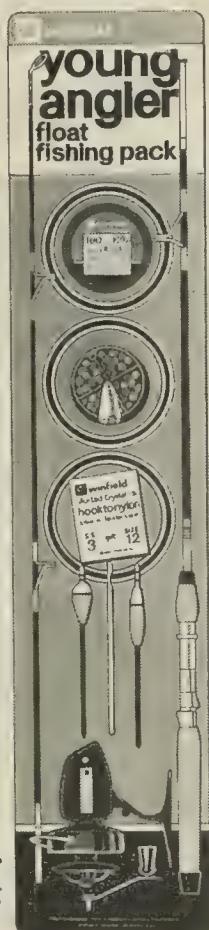
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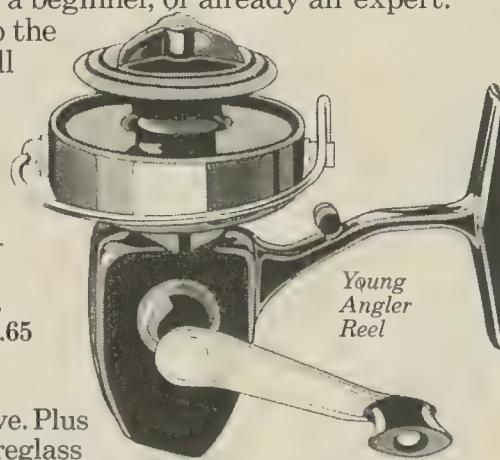
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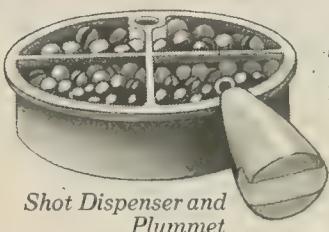
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IN THE 33 years since the Football League returned to normality following the Second World War, there have been 11 clubs who have made their first appearances in Division One.

In the forthcoming season Brighton will become the 12th, and they will be well advised to take note of how their predecessors fared in their first seasons at the top.

OF the 11, only Ipswich Town have successfully coped with the new pressures straight away.

Under the guidance of former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey, they confounded all the experts by clinching the League Championship in 1962, a year after winning Division Two.

It was a notable achievement by any standards and made the more remarkable by the fact that in the previous two seasons the League had been dominated by the great Tottenham side, who were defending their League and F.A. Cup 'double' that year.

Ted Phillips and Ray Crawford were the men whose goals took Ipswich to glory, yet despite their outstanding striking efforts, the club could not consolidate their position.

The next season they finished in 17th place, just four points away from relegation, and things were beginning to look distinctly ominous for them.

Indeed, there was no surprise when their dramatic rise and fall was completed a year later. This time they finished bottom of the First Division with just 25 points.

It was an unhappy ending to a great dream, but is in accord with the fate of all but one of the ten other debutant clubs.

Four of them have been relegated immediately, three others missed the drop by one place, and

only one other has managed to finish the season in the top half of the table.

Coventry are now an established First Division side, and the only one of the 11 new clubs to have avoided relegation.

They were promoted from the Second Division in 1967, yet despite some fine results in recent seasons, their prospects have not always looked so assured.

In 1968 they finished in 20th place, one point above Sheffield United who were relegated. A year later they were again one point away from the drop. In 1977 they completed an unenviable 'trick' of narrow escapes when they finished one point and one place clear of unlucky Sunderland.

Yet at least Gordon Milne's team have managed to survive at the top. They have finally made the transition to First Division football, which is more than can be said of most of the other newcomers to the First Division.



The first team to make their Division One debut after the War were Fulham in 1949. After struggling against relegation for the next two seasons, they succumbed to the pressure in 1952 when they finished 22nd.

They had stayed at the top for only three years.

Luton were the next new side to appear in Division One after winning promotion in 1955. They lasted five years, in which time they achieved a creditable tenth place in their first season and eighth in 1958. It was not until 1974 that they made their way back to the First Division, and this time they were relegated immediately.

*Ted Phillips (left) helped Ipswich Town to the League Championship in 1962. Northampton (below, dark shirts) in action against Spurs during their one season in the First Division.*



## BRIGHTON WILL BE RELEGATED...

*if they follow the pattern of ten of the other 11 newcomers to the First Division.*

*Brighton's promotion heroes (left to right) Maybank, Sayer, Ward and O'Sullivan. But for how long?*



After Ipswich's success in 1962 as League Champions, Leyton Orient had every right to feel confident when they reached Division One for the first time in the same year.

Yet that confidence was soon knocked out of them by the big boys of the League. The "O's" learnt their lesson the hard way, and finished bottom of the table. They have not been back to Division One.

The same fate awaited Northampton Town when they were promoted in 1965. Although they finished 13 points clear of last-placed Blackburn, they were still two points adrift of the other First Division clubs.

Relegation to Division Two in 1966 was only the start of the decline of Northampton. Gradually deteriorating performances and a succession of relegations has led to their present position. Last sea-

son they finished 19th in Division Four, two points away from the re-election zone.

Northampton's First Division place in 1966 was taken by Southampton. Although they twice managed to finish seventh in their eight-year stay at the top, most of that time was spent fighting relegation.

Three times Saints finished in the bottom four before they became the first victims of the three-up, and three-down system. That was in 1974 when, despite finishing above Norwich and Manchester United, they were consigned to Division Two.

Queens Park Rangers lasted just one year in the First Division after promotion in 1968. In fact, they still hold the record for the least number of points collected in a First Division season — 18.

Although they returned to the top in 1973 and finished runners-

up three years later, they never truly adjusted to life at the top and must now start rebuilding again under new manager Tommy Docherty in the Second Division.

Last season Brighton were runners-up in the Second Division, a point behind Champions Crystal Palace.

Perhaps Palace are better equipped for the First Division, because they already have the painful experience of their First Division baptism behind them.

In 1969 they were promoted, in 1970 they finished 20th, in 1971 18th, in 1972 20th and in 1973 were relegated.

Norwich were the next First Division newcomers. Promoted in

1972, they finished their first season one place away from the relegation zone, but were unable to repeat the feat a year later and were soon back in Division Two.

The 11th post-War side to make their First Division debut were Carlisle in 1974. Despite an early run when they led the First Division, class ultimately showed through and they finished in 22nd place. Now they find themselves in the relative obscurity of the Third Division, hoping for another upsurge in their fortunes.

Clearly, promotion to the First Division is not the end of the rainbow for ambitious newcomers who have dreamt of the big time throughout their history.

#### How the "first time up" clubs fared in Div. One

Team	Promoted	First Division Positions
Fulham	1949	17th, 18th, relegated.
Luton Town	1955	10th, 16th, 8th, 17th, relegated.
Ipswich Town	1961	1st, 17th, relegated.
Leyton Orient	1962	relegated.
Northampton Town	1965	relegated.
Southampton	1966	19th, 16th, 7th, 19th, 7th, 19th, 13th, relegated.
Coventry City	1967	20th, 20th, 6th, 10th, 18th, 19th, 16th, 14th, 14th, 19th, 7th, 10th.
Q.P.R.	1968	relegated.
Crystal Palace	1969	20th, 18th, 20th, relegated.
Norwich City	1972	20th, relegated.
Carlisle United	1974	relegated



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Ricardo Villa didn't receive the credit he deserved last season.

"DO YOU agree with the introduction of foreign players into our Football League?" The question is posed by Tottenham supporter Ray Harris, from Rainham, Essex.

Yes, I'm very much in favour of the idea, Ray. So, it seems, are most other professionals in this country.

Your own club Spurs started the fashion for "buying foreign" by importing Argentinian World Cup stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa just before the start of last season. And look what a success they've proved.

These two, plus Ipswich Town's Arnold Muhren and Frans Thyssen, Southampton's Ivan Golac, Sheffield United's Alex Sabella and Chelsea's Petar Borota to name just a few, have brought a new, exciting dimension to our game.

We can learn from their different

look at the gates whenever Spurs travelled away last season. I think they were the second biggest attraction in the First Division.

"Why have so many of our managers started to look abroad for players?" asks Arthur Sharp, who lives in Manchester.

It's a question of economics mainly, Arthur. As I said earlier the transfer market in this country has gone through the soccer super-

my soccer scene  
**GORDON HILL**

## 'Foreigners'

techniques and vast range of skills.

Managers don't have to pay over-inflated fees for them, either.

I believe Tottenham paid around £750,000 for both Ardiles and Villa. What would they have fetched if they'd both been British players? Ardiles alone must be worth around the £1 million mark on present values.

Crowds love to see them. Just

market roof and clubs have to seek new talent elsewhere.

Where in England would you have found a player with Muhren's skills for the £250,000 he cost Ipswich?

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A British player of his calibre and class, for instance Trevor Brooking, would cost double that at least.

Another reason . . . and it pains me to say it . . . is the general lack of talent coming through in this country.

Managers and coaches are having to widen their net to the Continent and beyond because there is a current shortage of home-grown players of the necessary quality.

Sixteen-year-old April Govern from Derby wants to know who I felt was the most successful of England's imports last season.

Ardiles without a doubt, April . . . Ossie's countryman Alex Sabella also had a tremendous season for Sheffield United, despite their relegation.

But the one who impressed me also was Ossie's Tottenham team-

mate Villa. I honestly don't think he received the credit he deserved.

Ricky is big, strong and shields the ball well. As a forward, I would enjoy playing off a player with his attributes.

"Following Kevin Keegan's fantastic success with Hamburger SV would you like to join him on the Continent?" asks John Shakespeare, who lives in Croydon, Surrey.

### Razzmatazz

Oh I'd love to play abroad, but I'm not so keen on Europe, John.

My eye is firmly fixed across the Atlantic. In fact, if I hadn't signed for Derby County when I did I would have gone to America.

I enjoy the atmosphere and the

razzmatazz . . . it suits my flamboyant style.

The financial inducement is also a big draw of course. There's no way a player in British football can earn what he can in the States. Not with our present tax system.

The last budget eased the situation slightly, but not enough for my liking.

I'd prefer to end my career in the States, perhaps with Chicago Sting, the club I played for during my Millwall days.

Mind you, if one of the big European clubs did make me an offer I'd have to listen. Who wouldn't? Isn't it ironic, though, that since the success of Kevin Keegan more and more foreign clubs are chasing our players.

The big danger is, that all our top stars will leave Britain, while all we'll

star Gareth Edwards will also be taking part.

David Derham, from Plymouth in Devon, has invited me to open a charity event in the town this summer.

Sorry, I can't get down to help, Dave. Your function clashes with a prior engagement.

I've already participated in a couple of charity football matches in Spain.

I spent a week in Torremolinos in June and played for a Celebrity team got together by BBC TV commentator Tony Gubba.

Among those in the side were Ian Mellor, who has just been transferred from Chester to Sheffield Wednesday, and Brighton's Teddy Maybank.

The money we raised went to a good cause and I was pleased with

# good for English football'



Kevin Keegan, a huge success in West Germany.



attract are the second-raters.

If that looks like happening the authorities will have to step in, just as they did in curbing the loan of top Football League players to American clubs.

Enough of that. Let's change the subject.

Kathy Johnstone from Carlisle says she enjoyed watching me perform in last season's Superstars tournament on BBC TV and wants to know if I'm taking part this year.

Not this time, Kathy. I think the presenters like to get different sports stars each time.

I have been invited to compete in a similar event in Nottingham on August 12th though, sponsored by John Player. I understand Trevor Brooking and former Welsh rugby

the match practice. I had so little action these past few months the exercise and competitive spirit in which the games were played did me the world of good.

Several fans have enquired about my injury.

The knee is fine and I'm looking forward to reporting back for pre-season training with Derby next Tuesday (July 17th).

As I write the club has still to appoint a new manager so I don't really know what to expect.

But whoever takes over I'm determined to be superfit for the new season and prove my worth to The Rams.

"Now that Ron Greenwood has a fairly settled England squad, and Peter Barnes is doing so well, do you honestly think you will regain your international place?" asks Brian Collins from Sunderland.

If I didn't believe I at least stood a chance of getting back into the squad I'd pack the game in tomorrow, Brian.

I'm sick and tired of being written off by fans, other players and most of all, the critics.

I've got the utmost confidence in my own ability.

No disrespects to Ron Greenwood's present squad, but I feel he'd be the first to agree there's always room for improvement.

If I get back my form next season and score goals I certainly hope he considers me for the international squad.

Unfortunately I've run out of space again. Those letters I have left I will try to answer personally, just bear with me for a while.

Cheers all . . .

# STRETCHED OUT...



S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I  
Left, Paul  
Jones (Bolton) beats  
Middlesbrough's  
Billy Ashcroft. Right, Bryan Robson (WBA) tangles with  
Steve Williams (Southampton).



Dave Langan's (Derby) telescopic leg foils Micky Thomas (Manchester United).

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# A Big Boost for Villa's Dennis



LAST season was a frustrating one for even the most fervent Aston Villa fan, but 1978/9 did provide a personal boost for Dennis Mortimer.

"Being made Villa captain was a proud occasion for me," says Dennis. "It will give me an even bigger incentive for next term."

And Mortimer reckons that in spite of some poor results in 1978-9, Aston Villa can still approach the new term in August with plenty of confidence.

"Injuries to key players such as Andy Gray and Brian Little were a big handicap, plus the fact that we were without Frank Carroddus for so long. But the most encouraging factor to emerge from our spell of trouble, was the form of some of the youngsters.

## Careers

"For example, full-backs Colin Gibson and Gary Williams gave fine service when they were promoted to the first team. Both are only 18, and seem certain to have good careers ahead of them.

"In all, knocks and changes in the line-up resulted in 28 players being called upon last season, which illustrates how difficult it was for us to turn out a settled team. To keep up a winning streak, a team needs to count on fielding no more than about 14 to 16 players, which is what Liverpool did in lifting the title."

Dennis, who is Liverpool-born, keeps an eye on the progress of the Anfield side, and Everton, but is not over-impressed with either.

"We beat Liverpool 3-1 at home, then at Anfield were doing well until Kenny Dalglish got the second goal which finished us off. But I don't think that any of the teams who finished above us had any qualities that put them in a different class."

"Liverpool certainly get results with their consistency and patient approach, but I find some of their football is boring to watch. And Everton fall short of what is required in a side that has

ambitions to become Champions.

"Of course, I know that Villa have their failings, and the worst among them has been our ability to finish off approach play with goals. And as we are a club with great traditions, I feel our fans are always expecting a lot of us, which puts extra pressure on the players. This means that at home, our players are not doing what they would normally do in certain situations — away, our record of a point a game was satisfactory enough to have carried us into a leading place if we hadn't lost so often at Villa Park.

"So the solution seems obvious — we must try to recapture the home form of three seasons ago, when we lost only one match at Villa Park, a home record that was only bettered by Liverpool, who were unbeaten at Anfield. But we were ahead of them, and everybody else in the First Division that term, by scoring 55 goals on our own ground."

While stressing the importance of goals to his club, Mortimer admits that well-organised modern defences make it difficult for opposing forwards to put the ball in the net.

He says: "In the First Division, it isn't easy to find a way through a capable back-four, and although British players may not always be as effective as they could be in the opposing penalty-area, they have to contend with competent defenders and also English goalkeepers — I believe our goalkeepers are the best in the world."

"In fact, to those who say that the Continentals are superior in finishing to British players, I would say that is only because the quality of keepers abroad is much inferior to our home products."

"Next season, as well as competing successfully in the League, it's my ambition for Villa to have a trophy-winning run and gain a place in Europe for 1980-81. From past experience abroad, I'm confident we are equipped to do well over there — and fully test those Continental goalkeepers."

NEWCASTLE United's Terry Hibbitt might be described as a man with a mission — his over-riding aim in life is to help his club win promotion in 1979-80. And if any reasons are needed for his incentive, it's only necessary to look back on the career of the Bradford-born midfield man to realise why he feels strongly about a Division One place for the Tynesiders.

Joining Newcastle from Leeds United in August, 1971, for a £30,000 fee, Hibbitt won the Newcastle Player of the Year award in 1972-3 and 1973-4. The team was then managed by Joe Harvey, and included such players as Bobby Moncur and Pat Howard in defence, Hibbitt, Terry McDermott, Tommy Cassidy and "Jinky" Jim Smith in midfield, and Malcolm Macdonald and John Tudor up-front.

"I thought there was a lot of potential in that side," says Terry.

Richard Dinnis. And with the coming of Bill McGarry as the new United boss, the list of incoming players that followed included Terry Hibbitt, John Connolly, John Brownlie, Peter Withe and Colin Suggett.

"It took us some time to settle down," admits Hibbitt. "But we were showing signs of doing so at the end of the season, and could possibly have done much better if we hadn't lost too many away points by trying to play too much football."

"Taking last season as a whole, there was only one side that gave us the run-a-round, and that was West Ham. And for my own part, I believe that I tried too hard to help Newcastle to get on to the right track — I was inclined to be too anxious for us to do well.

"But there is nothing wrong with being determined, and in the new season this is the way we will have to be if we are to climb out of the Second Division."

In the early 70's, one of the most devastating partnerships in the First Division was the one between Hibbitt and Malcolm Macdonald. Each player had a lethal left foot — it was Terry's that supplied the pin-point passes, and Macdonald's that applied the powerful finishing touch.

Hibbitt recalls: "Malcolm and I linked up well right from the start. I knew the sort of ball he wanted, and as soon as he started running I tried to give it to him — his speed and shooting power did the rest. We also had a good understanding between us for corner-kicks and free-kicks, with Malcolm's ability in the air making him dangerous in the goalmouth.

"Our present centre-forward, Peter Withe, is also an accomplished header of the ball, and in future I'm hoping I can help him to score some of the goals that will make Newcastle strong promotion contenders."

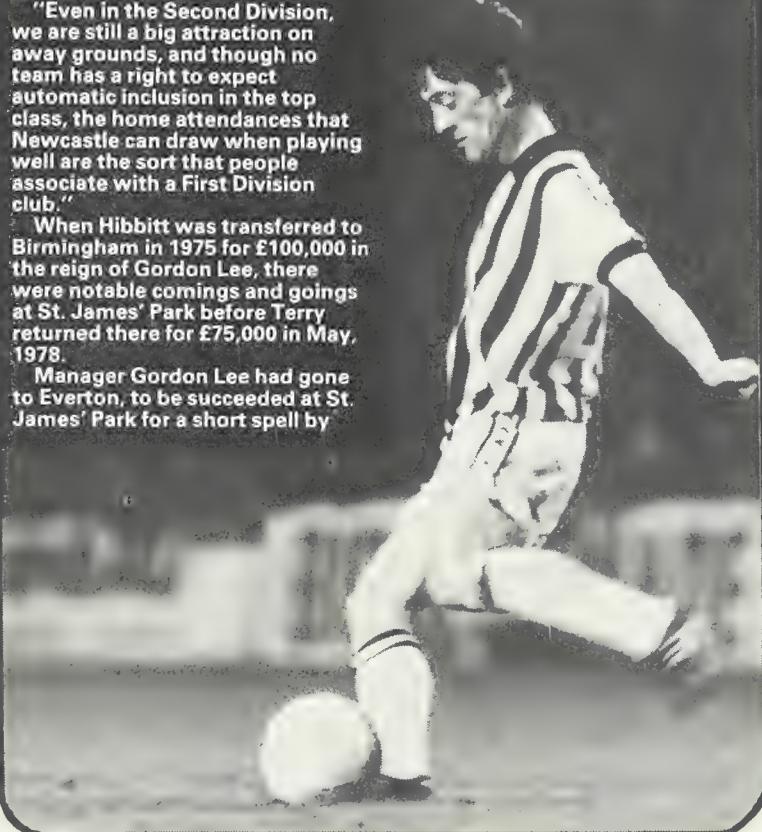
## Terry Hibbitt —A MAN WITH A MISSION

"We lost the 1974 F.A. Cup Final against Liverpool, but at least it was good to get there. And it's the memory of those days and the great support from the crowd, which makes me so certain that Newcastle United belong in the First Division.

"Even in the Second Division, we are still a big attraction on away grounds, and though no team has a right to expect automatic inclusion in the top class, the home attendances that Newcastle can draw when playing well are the sort that people associate with a First Division club."

When Hibbitt was transferred to Birmingham in 1975 for £100,000 in the reign of Gordon Lee, there were notable comings and goings at St. James' Park before Terry returned there for £75,000 in May, 1978.

Manager Gordon Lee had gone to Everton, to be succeeded at St. James' Park for a short spell by



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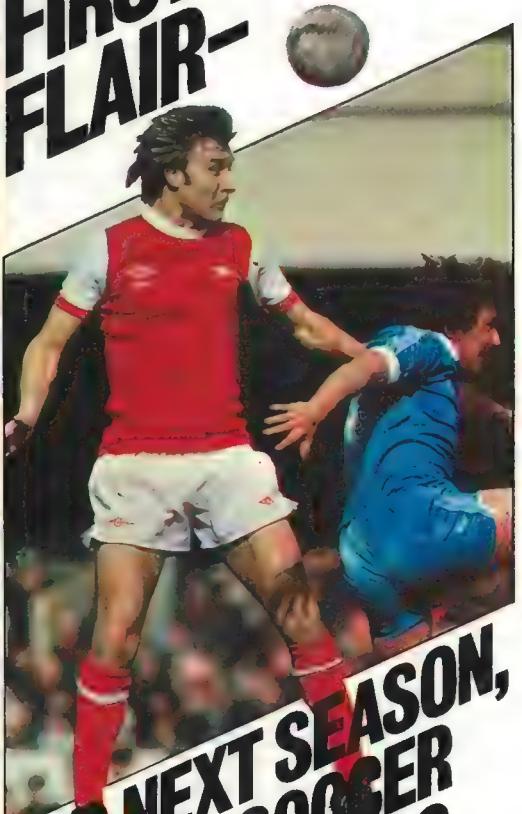
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**BIRTHDATE:** 25th July, 1954  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in  
**WEIGHT:** 10st 13lb  
**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Hamilton Academicals  
**MARRIED:** Yes to Linda  
**CHILDREN:** Baby son, Paul, four months  
**CAR:** Renault 14GTL  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Holland international, Ruud Krol  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Everton  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Argentina's Leopoldo Luque  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** England against Scotland at Wembley in last season's British Championship  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Being chosen for Scotland  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Defeat by England in the above match  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Cyprus  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Golf, snooker, records, and taking my dog for walks  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Injuries  
**FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:** All sporting programmes  
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**BEST FRIEND:** No one in particular. I've many good friends  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My father and brother, Kevin  
**BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:** Losing matches and postponements of games  
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From the Party



## SIMPSON TO QUIT?

PETER Simpson, 34-year-old former Arsenal defender, is thinking of retiring at the end of the summer.

Simpson, a survivor from Arsenal's 1970-71 Double team, says: "I'm getting on a bit, so I'll have to see how I feel when this season is over."

New England's record this season is enough to give anyone grey hairs and after his efforts to stem the tide in defence, the ex-Gunner may well decide to quit.

But he's pleased to be leaving American soccer in a healthier state than what he found it when he first came out two years ago.

He says: "Obviously, the standard is not as high as back home. But when the loan system finishes next year and clubs start grooming youngsters the way they do in England, you should notice the difference."

"I'm glad to see big companies getting involved in the NASL like Lipton (at New England), Gulf and Warner Brothers. They have the resources to support big teams and I think they will stabilise the League."

Coach Noel Cantwell will be sorry to see the back of Simpson. He says: "He's never been a flashy player or one that's noticed very much."

"But throughout his playing career, Peter Simpson has been one of the most consistent defenders you could ever wish to see."



## SAD GOODBYE

WHEN you're out with Warner Brothers, you're really out. Eddie Firmani was sacked by the Cosmos, who are owned by Warners. The coach wanted to go to say goodbye to his players, but was banned from going in by the management, apparently, and the players had to come out to him.



## CHRIS BENEFITS

CHRIS Dangerfield (left, light strip) the former Port Vale striker, has benefited from the arrival of Johan Cruyff at the Los Angeles Aztecs.

The 23-year-old, who was left out when the Dutch star first came, has blasted four goals in three games, by far his best start to a season. He also has three assists.

In his previous four seasons in the NASL, Dangerfield has only eight goals and eight assists to his credit.

# NASL STANDINGS

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Eastern Division

**New York**

GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
17	13	4	41	28	39	117

**Washington**

17	11	6	38	24	33	99
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**Toronto**

19	9	10	31	38	30	84
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**Rochester**

16	7	9	21	30	20	63
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#### Central Division

**Minnesota**

18	13	5	38	27	37	114
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**Tulsa**

18	9	9	41	36	36	90
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**Dallas**

17	10	7	25	22	25	85
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**Atlanta**

17	5	12	29	43	25	55
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#### Western Division

**Vancouver**

16	11	5	29	17	28	94
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**Los Angeles**

16	10	6	33	26	29	89
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**Portland**

17	7	10	29	39	27	69
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**Seattle**

16	7	9	25	23	23	65
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**W**ALTER McCall (left), ex-Aberdeen and Ayr striker, is having another good season with San Diego Sockers.

McCall, the Sockers' leading scorer with 14 goals last season, is again their top marksman with four goals and four assists so far.

His shooting power has helped San Diego regain their place at the head of the American Conference's Western Division after a shaky start to the season.

The 6' 3" forward played on loan for the Californian club last season but has now signed full time.

Although there's a mixture of



## SOCER in the STATES

### EARLY TO BED

ALAN Ball's surprise departure from Philadelphia Fury to the Vancouver Whitecaps may not be unconnected with the strict management of Yugoslav, Marko Valok, who has quickly made a name for himself in Philadelphia.

He likes the players to eat what they are told to and orders them to have compulsory walks and rests.

And that's just on match days... On top of that, Valok insists on his players being in bed by 11pm every night.

The Fury aren't having the best of seasons, so perhaps there's a moral there, somewhere.

### PLEASE STAY

DUTCH physiotherapist Ted Troost has left AZ '67 to join the Los Angeles Aztecs. Johan Cruyff was injured whilst playing in LA and asked for Troost to treat him. Next thing, the Aztecs asked him to stay.

Germans, Yugoslavs, Hungarians and Brazilians in the San Diego camp, there are a few accents McCall can understand.

There's ex-West Ham strikers Ade Coker and Yilmaz Orhan and Northern Ireland's Martin Donnelly.

McCall, though, has outshone most of the other players at his club, including US national team star Julie Vee. The Scotsman set a club record of 13 shots in a game last season and he's been peppering goalkeepers again this summer.

### DUNNE STILL GOING STRONG

TONY Dunne, the 37-year-old who performed so well in the First Division with Bolton last season, may be back with them again next term.

Dunne, who made his first League appearance for Manchester United 19 years ago, just doesn't seem to run out of steam.

The popular full-back, who is playing for Detroit Express this summer, says: "I ought to tell myself that it's time to stop playing and look for a job on the coaching side.

"But I still love playing. I'm in good condition so I think, why not? Mind you, a few seasons out here could soon slow me down.

"They play at 90 miles an hour all the time. But I still manage to keep up with the young lads!"

Dunne, who hopes to find a coaching job when he returns to England at the end of the summer, says: "If I don't get a new club, I'll probably go back to Burnden Park. I have really enjoyed my time there and I'm sure they would have me back."

The former Irish international has only signed a one season contract with the Express and adds: "If I come back to the States, I don't think it would be in Detroit. It's not much of a place."

(\*Total Points: win 6pts, defeat 0pts. Bonus points: one point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.)

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

#### Eastern Division

**Tampa Bay**

GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
18	13	5	37	22	32	110

**Ft. Lauderdale**

16	10	6	39	24	33	93
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**New England**

19	7	12	24	34	21	63
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**Philadelphia**

17	5	12	28	32	28	58
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#### Central Division

**Houston**

17	13	4	32	27	29	107
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**Chicago**

16	10	6	36	28	32	92
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**Detroit**

18	8	10	29	27	25	73
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**Memphis**

17	4	13	21	36	21	44
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#### Western Division

**San Diego**

18	8	10	30	33	27	75
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**California**

18	7	11	25	32	23	65
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**Edmonton**

18	5	13	21	41	21	51
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**San Jose**

16	4	12	25	37	24	48
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# 'TV EXPERTS MAKE ME, MAD'

DANNY  
McGRAIN

THE dateline for the Danny McGrain version of *Tartan Talk* this week is the United States where I am taking a Florida break with my wife Lorraine and daughters Vicki and Dawn.

And of course while I am Stateside I am having a good look round at the progress of soccer this side of the Atlantic which is somewhere between showbiz and sport.

I'll give you a fuller run-down in a future column... but in the meantime I have been keeping in touch with happenings at home. There is not a lot on the football front of course, because after all it is supposed to be the close season.

Some players in Scotland, mind you, gave up their summer holidays to attend the SFA coaching courses at the Inverclyde National Recreation Centre near Largs on the Ayrshire coast.

I know that director of coaching Andy Roxburgh was a little disappointed at the lower than usual turn-out of professional players... but in view of the stretched length of the season that is perhaps not surprising.

## Concentration

Football players, like everyone else do need a break, or else the rust and lack of concentration soon sets into their game.

And in these more difficult financial times, some clubs are becoming reluctant to send their players.

However, I know Celtic had two boys at Largs and I am sure it must have done them the world of good. There is no such thing, as some people believe, as over-coaching. Sure there are bad coaches, but if you are improving someone's natural ability it must make him a better player.

I read that Italian national coach Lello Antoniotti and former Italian player turned coach Franco Ferrari were at Largs. Ferrari put the idea of coaching very well indeed.

He said: "When Gianni Rivera is in possession he has 20 alternatives for his next move with the ball. Paolo Rossi has perhaps 15. Ordinary players can see only one way to turn."

I was also interested to read the Italian view of the Scottish game. Ferrari pointed out that Scottish players at all levels have abundant skill and heart. Only the tactics, he suggested, don't match the world's best.

Well, that is possibly true, but I found another opinion that Scottish boys compete before they

learn to play fascinating too. This theory says that lads playing in under-eight teams and competing for Cups is ridiculous.

The suggestion is that they can hardly have mastered the arts of dribbling, tackling, shooting and control by that age.

Wouldn't it be better that they concentrated on getting complete control of a ball as the Argentinian kids showed in the World Cup Finals last summer?

Mind you, there is another side of the coin.

Lads from the likes of Rangers and Celtic boys clubs, and the rest are getting the chance to see the world with close season tours to America and Europe.

That is fantastic, for when I was a lad most young players were lucky if they got to see Edinburgh.

Meanwhile, as I write I understand that there is to be no televised football in Scotland next season, at least that section of the game which comes under the jurisdiction of the Scottish League.

It has been blacked off the TV screens because the television authorities — both BBC and Scottish TV — were not willing to pay the fees demanded.

The English football authorities of course managed to settle on a multi million pound deal which will pump much needed cash into the sport South of the border.

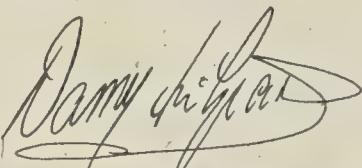
But in Scotland no comparable sum was forthcoming and up until now the Scottish League have said: "No deal."

Without wanting to get involved in either side of the argument, it could be an interesting experiment if both sides do fail to agree. A season without the cameras just might entice drifting fans back.

One way or another it would sound the death-knell for my unfavourite person... the TV critic who sounds off his opinion on football without ever leaving his living room armchair.

It could even start a campaign... keep football live!

See you in two weeks.



NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN  
TALK BY RANGERS'  
DEREK JOHNSTONE



Former Italian international Gianni Rivera can do 20 different things on the ball.





# Conn to get £700+ a week

WOULD you believe that a player recently given a free transfer and thrown on the soccer scrapheap is set to become the highest paid Scottish footballer in history?

It sounds like something out of a comic book, but that is the strange topsy-turvy position in which Alfie Conn finds himself today!

Conn's soccer career has been paved with gold and booby traps. Now he is ready for the big pay off. He made history by becoming the first player since the War to play for both Rangers and Celtic when the Parkhead club, then managed by Jock Stein, paid Spurs £65,000 for his talents.

## Bedeavilled

Alas, Conn's stay at Celtic was hardly a happy one although he helped the club to win the Premier Division and the Scottish Cup in his first season. In the second he was bedevilled by bad luck and

injury, played only a handful of games and failed to score.

Last term he started like a whirlwind and it looked at long last that he would live up to his potential and promise, but again he faded into obscurity. There was talk about friction between the player and new boss Billy McNeill behind the scenes.

Alfie was given a free transfer.

"Everything looked set for me to join Tommy Docherty at Derby County," said Conn. "I wanted to show the fans in the South that I still had what it takes after my disappointment with Spurs.

"I was as surprised as anyone when Tommy Docherty quit Derby. I knew nothing about it."

Conn and Docherty's agreement disappeared overnight. There was talk of him joining The Doc at Queens Park Rangers. That, too, didn't materialise.

Conn was ready to try his luck with Tulsa Roughnecks in the N.A.S.L. He said: "However, there was a hitch and things fell through."

Then Spanish First Division club Rayo Vallecano, who share Madrid with their more famous rivals Real and Atletico, invited Conn for an interview.

## Contract

Conn was offered a staggering £40,000-a-year contract for three years. The club also said they would put him and his family up in a villa in Madrid during his three year stay that would cost them £120,000 and that does not include his signing-on fee!

Conn's basic wage is just over £770 a week... more than Kenny Dalglish gets with Liverpool, or Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen with Manchester United.

Suddenly, it's rags to riches for Conn. However, he will not be rushing into things.

"I'll give it all careful consideration before I let Rayo know my answer," he said. "The set up looks good, though and it would be nice to play on the Continent."

# ...and 'Big Bertha' goes South

A LOT of Scottish goalkeepers sighed with relief when they heard that Celtic midfield player Ronnie Glavin had moved to Barnsley during the close season in a £50,000 deal.

Glavin, with a booming right foot shot, known affectionately in Scotland as 'Big Bertha', is moving South.

Moving from the newly crowned Premier Division Champion club to the English Third Division may seem a step in the wrong direction, but Glavin, who won a full Scottish cap against Sweden three years ago, says: "I certainly don't see it that way."

"I had talks with Allan Clarke, the manager, and it's easy to be impressed by the man. He is so ambitious and enthusiastic and is breathing new life into the club.

"They won promotion last year and attract crowds around the 20,000 mark for some home

games. That shows potential.

"I'll be doing my best to make sure the club are promoted for the second successive season. I'm as ambitious as the next player and I know I've still got a lot to offer."

Glavin didn't click at Parkhead and Allan Clarke has completed an astute deal in capturing him for only £50,000. Glavin cost Celtic £90,000 from Partick Thistle four years ago.

When Celtic won the Premier Division three years ago Glavin scored 25 goals from midfield. Dundee United manager Jim McLean said at the time: "The difference between Celtic winning the title and Dundee United not winning the title was undoubtedly Ronnie Glavin."

"The boy scored so many vital and valuable goals and he was always there making space and backing up a team-mate in trouble. He had a great season."



When you consider that Celtic had Kenny Dalglish in their team at that time it makes McLean's praise all the more stunning. Few people argued with the Tannadice boss at those words of wisdom.

Last season, though, was one of torment for Glavin as he lost his first team place in the general reshuffle of the team under the new management of Billy McNeill.

He drifted into the reserves and the fans knew that the player had far too much skill to stay in the forgotten world of the 'stiffs'. It looked inevitable that Glavin would soon be on the move.

It came as no surprise to anyone when he finally left Parkhead, but it was surprising that only Barnsley were prepared to make a firm offer for a player who has little to prove in the ability stakes.

Glavin has accepted this fresh challenge. He is moving into a new world. You can't really compare Barnsley with Celtic, but the player has promised he will repay Allan Clarke for the faith he showed in his talent.

'Big Bertha' is set to boom again!

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# THE McADAM BROTHERS

Celtic's Tom:  
'I'll play  
anywhere for  
a first team  
place'

CELTIC won the Premier Division Championship last season in quite amazing circumstances. Their top scorers were Tom McAdam, with 13, and Andy Lynch, with one fewer.

Nothing incredible about that feat until you appreciate that McAdam finished the season at centre-back while Lynch plays left-back! When last did a club win the title with defenders as their top scorers?

For McAdam it's a case of moving backwards to go forwards in his career. Manager Billy McNeill, looking to the future and the forthcoming European Cup, may decide to start the season with the former striker in the middle of his rear-guard in place of Roddie MacDonald, who missed the end of last term with a leg injury.

"It was a novel experience playing in defence," says McAdam. "I was always used to running at defences, now it's a real change having players running at you."

## 'Enjoyable'

"I was surprised when the boss put the idea to me, but I was so keen to play in the first team I would have gone anywhere."

"It was an enjoyable experience, but I don't know if it will be permanent. Only Mr McNeill knows the answer. I'm just happy to be at Parkhead. They are a great bunch of lads here and we are all looking forward to the new season."

McAdam's ability in the air is superb. Obviously his years up-front of snatching goals out of nothing have added to his prowess in this particular part of his game.

He was immense when ten-men Celtic, after having Johnny Doyle ordered-off shortly after the interval, clinched the Championship against Rangers at Parkhead.

Every Celt was a hero that night as they trailed 1-0 to an Alex MacDonald goal and came roaring back to equalise, go ahead, be pulled back again and eventually score twice near the end to get a 4-2 victory and the points that made the title secure.

McAdam played in the heart of the defence alongside Johannes Edvaldsson and it was difficult to believe that this was only his seventh or eighth time in this position.

"What a night that was," he says. "I'll never forget it. We were



up against all the odds, but we still pulled through."

"I was really delighted for our fans. They had stood by us through thick and thin and they never stopped giving us encouragement. The season before last we won nothing while Rangers cleaned up, but we still had a bigger average home gate than the boys from Ibrox."

"That shows you just how these fans have rallied round their team. We lost in the League Cup Semi-Final and then we went out of the Scottish Cup in the Quarter-Final. We knew we had to win the League to repay the fans."

"We just had to keep winning all our games and collecting the points and, thankfully, we achieved a fair degree of consistency that is needed to win titles."

"It was marvellous to win the Championship and give the supporters something to really sing about. We're looking forward to giving them a lot more success in the new season."

McAdam is ready to play his part in the middle of the Celtic defence. If he keeps making progress on such a rapid scale he will soon be one of the top centre-halves in the country.

That's the bad news for rival strikers!

Thistle's Colin:  
'Attack or  
defence, it's no  
different  
to me'

COLIN McADAM must be thankful that the goalkeeper at Partick Thistle is international star Alan Rough. There is little chance of him being asked to fill in between the posts... and that must be about the only position he hasn't appeared in at Firhill since he joined the club from Motherwell two years ago.

The adaptable McAdam, brother of Celtic's Tom, can stop goals, make goals and take them. He is a vital, valuable member to the Firhill first team pool and it is because of his versatility that he is often left out of the team!

Thistle manager Bertie Auld knows if he lists him as a substitute he can play him during a game in an emergency in any position. He also knows that he can send on McAdam and change the pattern of the team's game and, hopefully, the game that may be slipping away from Thistle.

"I would prefer a settled first team place," says 6ft plus Colin. "Which player wouldn't? I'm not complaining, though. I enjoy my soccer whether it's in defence or in attack."

McAdam is one of the fittest players in Scotland although he is a part-timer. His job off the pitch is as a Physical Education teacher!

## Free role

Last season Bertie Auld was listing the player with a number five on his shirt, but playing him in the attack to baffle opponents. And it paid huge dividends. McAdam was given a free role against Airdrie in a Scottish Cup game at Firhill and the Broomfield side were continually caught out. Thistle won 2-0... and Colin scored both goals.

Like his brother Tom at Celtic, Colin is marvellous in the air. He says: "It's something that comes natural. I've always been fairly big so I should have the advantage."

"However, timing is the most important thing, of course. Look at the list of players who haven't been huge, but have scored more than their share of headed goals."

Colin's soccer role has bounced around like a table-tennis ball. He made his senior debut with Dumbarton, playing alongside his brother.

Tom scored the goals in the attack while Colin stopped them at the back. Then Dumbarton sold Tom to Dundee United for £45,000.



and their goals supply dried up. They moved Colin into the firing line and he duly obliged by becoming their most consistent goalscorer.

When Ian Wallace came through Colin moved back into defence before his transfer to Motherwell. Again he moved around the team without getting the opportunity to settle down. Eventually he switched from Fir Park to Firhill.

Colin and his Thistle team-mates are looking forward eagerly to the kick-off to the new season. They have improved stage by stage since winning their way into the Premier Division three seasons ago.

Last term they reached the Semi-Finals of the Scottish Cup, but after holding eventual winners Rangers to a goal-less draw they went down 1-0 in the replay to a goal minutes from time by Derek Johnstone.

"It was like an action replay," says Colin. "A couple of years before that I reached the Semi-Final of the Cup with Motherwell and again we faced Rangers. And we lost because of a goal minutes from time. Who scored? Derek Johnstone again, would you believe!"

The new season looks like being a good one for Colin and Partick Thistle. They have consolidated their position in the Top Ten and now they are ready to build upon that.

Lucky Firhill fans!

# PART NINE

# Our week-by-week account of the

Week ending MARCH 31

## CAMBRIDGE REJECT SPURS OFFER

THE season's transfer-deadline comes up on Thursday — but, before then, some of the side-effects of the spiralling market hit the headlines.

Spurs bid a seemingly reasonable £250,000 for big scorer Alan Biley — but Cambridge say "Not enough", and want £300,000.

Biley, understandably keen on a First Division break, accuses his club of pricing him out of the market — and, for a comparatively inexperienced youngster, many others feel he has a fair point.

Talking of Spurs, their Argentinians have been in the headlines all season — but there's another, whose stay in England hasn't been either so well publicised or as fruitful.

And now Alberto Tarantini — who followed up a winning World Cup Final appearance by an edgy half-year with a relegation-threatened side — looks likely to return home.

Birmingham are keen to keep him, but Tarantini is not unnaturally concerned about his international future if they make the now almost certain drop to the Second Division.

And pretty sure to accompany them down, look to be Chelsea — who cop a 6-0 midweek battering from Forest.

The third main candidate for the drop are Q.P.R., and they make a desperate last-ditch bid for salvation with a straight swap of strikers — Peter Eastoe for Everton's Mick Walsh.

Also, on transfer deadline-day, Everton snap-up Manchester City's Brian Kidd for £150,000.

Ironically, that "peanuts fee" (by modern standards), anyway is the highest of a number of last-minute moves.

Nonetheless, a mind-boggling £20-million has changed hands on the mad-

merry-go-round in the past twelve months!

There are two modest, but interesting, Continental buys by ambitious Bristol City, who've confounded all the initial prophets of doom by clearly establishing themselves as a useful First Division side set to stay.

They get Geert Meijer from the famous Dutch club Ajax for £98,000 — and then move further North to pick up Pertti Jantunen from Eskilstuna, of Sweden, for a giveaway £50,000.

Look back in the F.A. Cup records, and you'll find quite a few instances of losing Finalists coming back to Wembley victorious just 12 months later.

Arsenal may or may not be superstitious — but that's the prospect in their crystal-ball when goals from Stapleton and Sunderland, without reply, ditch plucky Wolves' hopes.

In the other rip-roaring Semi-Final, "Double" hopefuls Liverpool are held 2-2 by Manchester United.

Favourites Liverpool, in fact, live a little dangerously — and, after Terry McDermott muffs a penalty, it takes a late equaliser from Alan Hansen to earn a second chance next week.

### \* SATURDAY SUMMARY \*

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Oxford.

TOTAL GOALS: 85 (average 2.18 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: None.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Brighton; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Reading.

HIGHEST GATE: 52,584 (Maine Road — Liverpool v. Manchester Utd.).

TOTAL GATE: 458,556.

AVERAGE GATE: 11,758.

## RANGERS CLINCH LEAGUE CUP

THE Scottish League Cup is retained by Rangers. Both teams seem to freeze in the Final at Hampden. However, John Greig gets his first big success as manager and Derek Johnstone his hands on the first trophy as captain.

Aberdeen open the scoring early in the second-half when a Strachan cross is headed in by Davidson. Then in a heart-stopping fight-back Rangers grab two goals in the last 13 minutes.

A MacDonald shot is deflected out of an injured Clark's reach and Jackson in injury time heads home the winner for Rangers. Minutes before this Aberdeen's Rougvie had been sent-off after an off-the-ball incident involving Johnstone.

Vic Davidson returns to Celtic but can't prevent his club from being beaten 2-1 by Hibs at Easter Road in the League. Davidson returns to Celtic Park

via Motherwell and Blackpool for £30,000. Four years earlier he had been given a "free" by the Parkhead club.

Motherwell, beaten on the Monday 8-0 by League Cup Finalists Aberdeen are "robbed" of a win at Tannadice. Striker Willie Irvine, newly signed along with Bobby Carberry for £25,000, scores on his debut in 79 minutes for 'Well, but a last-gasp double from Addison gives United two vital points.

### \* SATURDAY SUMMARY \*

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Airdrie.

HIGHEST GATE: 17,000 Hibs v. Celtic.

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT.: 46,000.

TOTAL LEAGUE GOALS: 52 (excluding League Cup).

TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.

WHATEVER the outcome of their Cup quest, it would take a real mugger to bet much against Liverpool taking back the League title they temporarily had to hand over to Forest last season — but half a dozen Second Division toppers are fighting like fury for those three golden promotion places.

A lot depends on whose nerve fails — and, after slumping 3-0 to struggling Sheffield United for their heaviest defeat of the season, it could be West Ham who are cracking first.

And the popular Londoners' cause isn't helped when, on the next two nights, promotion rivals Stoke and Palace both latch on to vital points.

The midweek "Big One", though, is that fascinating Lancastrian Semi-Final replay. The bookies' odds fancy Liverpool — but it's Manchester United who win the prize of a Wembley trip next month.

Earlier in the season, manager Dave Sexton was jeered by sections of the fickle Old Trafford crowd — but now he's everyone's hero. Which is a nice reward for a nice guy.

There's only one goal in it — delayed until 12 minutes from time — and Jimmy Greenhoff is the man who slots it in. Which brings back bitter memories for Liverpool. For it was Jim who fixed it — and them — with the Wembley winner a couple of years back!

Completely uncharacteristic slackness in defence lets Greenhoff in — and raises slight doubts as to whether the pressure is at long last telling on even ice-cool Liverpool.

With Arsenal and Coventry now both well out of the League hunt, there's not a lot of interest when they meet at Highbury — until Sammy Nelson decides to liven things up.

First, he gets barracked after scoring an own-goal to give Coventry a shock lead —

## ... AND A CELTIC CRACKER

CELTIC, after a cracker of a mid-week match against Motherwell, which they win 4-3 away from home, turn out on the Saturday in front of their own support and beat Partick Thistle 2-0.

The Dundee United duel with St Mirren is one of fine open play.

Early in the second-half United open the scoring. Fourteen minutes from time Kirkwood puts the game beyond doubt.

Hearts take on Motherwell at Tynecastle and take three goals off them.

In what is billed as Scottish Cup Semi-Final "dress" rehearsal Aberdeen and Hibs battle out a no scoring draw.

In the other Semi that had been played on Wednesday, 4th April, between Rangers and Thistle there was some great exciting football ... but despite some

and then makes amends with a superb equaliser.

After which — either in protest at the first incident, or in celebration of the second — he runs behind the North Bank goal and lowers his pants to the fans.

Next day, though, Nelson gets his backside properly kicked by his club — who slap on a fine of two weeks' wages, and suspend him for two matches. And, with an F.A. charge of bringing the game into disrepute to come, he could miss out on a Wembley place.

If anyone can lift Chelsea, it's Danny Blanchflower — even if he didn't have enough time this season. Now before a meagre crowd of 10,682 — one of the smallest in the club's history — they drop yet another home point, to Derby, virtually to say farewell to the First Division.

With a debt still of more than £2 million, and faced with lacklustre Second Division visitors, even Danny's philosophical good-humour could be hard-pressed in times to come.

No such problems at Anfield. One thing about Liverpool ... if they do drop a rare clanger, they certainly don't brood on it. And, three days after their Cup exit, they're right back on League target with a convincing 3-0 win over Arsenal.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Luton; Hull.

TOTAL GOALS: 103 (average 2.34 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: None.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Brighton; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Grimsby.

HIGHEST GATE: 47,297 (Liverpool v. Arsenal).

TOTAL GATE: 492,685.

AVERAGE GATE: 11,197.

clever moves from both sides there was no scoring.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: Celtic v. Thistle, 19,000.

PREM. TOTAL ATT.: 54,000.

TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs): 50.

TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Hearts, Clydebank, Ayr United, Dumbarton, Queen of the South, Hamilton, St. Johnstone, and Berwick.

Note: Queen of the South and Hamilton were 3-3 draw.



Birmingham's Alberto Tarantini (left) looks likely to return home to Argentina. Rangers' Colin Jackson (above) heads the winning goal against Aberdeen.



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Jimmy Greenhoff's (left) goal sends Manchester United to Wembley for the FA Cup Final. Davie Provan (right) centred for Conroy to score for Celtic.

# 1978-79 season in England and Scotland

Week ending APRIL 14

## FOREST HOPE FOR EURO GLORY

THE crucial Easter programme is coming up fast — and, in an early game, Liverpool strengthen even further their grip on the title with a win at Wolves.

But, the same night, there are jitters a Division down when Palace surprisingly surrender a home point to Cambridge which could make all the difference when the final promotion places are sorted out.

Then, in the midst of all the domestic huffing-and-puffing, comes the hope of England having a team in the European Cup Final for the third year running.

Forest have home advantage in the Semi-Final first-leg against Cologne — but may have muffed their chance.

Despite a great fight-back to 3-3 — after being 0-2 down inside 20 minutes — the odds don't look too optimistic for when the aggregates are totted-up after the return leg in West Germany in a fortnight's time.

Ironically, Peter Shilton — the 'keeper whose skilful consistency Cloughie reckons earns many an extra League point for Forest — blames himself for two of Cologne's goals.

But he adds — in sentiment echoed by the rest of this remarkable Forest set-up — 'Don't write us off yet!'

Elton John has often been Top of the Pops, but after their earlier convincing form — five points clear at the head of the Third Division table in mid-January — his ambitious club are going through a decidedly sticky patch.

And, on Good Friday, they're really Top of the Flops when they crash to a shock 3-0 defeat at home to Colchester.

Watford still seem set-fair for their second promotion in successive seasons — though the Championship itself,

once looking a sure snip, may now elude them.

More than 30,000 watch Mullery's merry-men chase towards the First Division for the first time in Brighton's history as Charlton are beaten — but next day the form-book is turned inside-out with a shock defeat at Cardiff which, in turn, may well save the Welshmen from relegation.

Palace hit back on the points-trail with an 89th-minute 1-0 win at Bristol Rovers and, with Stoke winning 4-1 at Charlton, it's all getting as tight as a drum at the top of the Second Division. The more so as away wins by Sunderland and West Ham keep them still in the promotion picture as well.

Still smarting from that Cup Semi-Final defeat, Liverpool beat Manchester United 2-0 as some belated consolation — and now hold a healthy six-point lead over West Bromwich, who are held at home by Arsenal.

Chelsea, beaten 2-1 by Southampton, lose their 12th home game out of their first 18 — and, with it, their last faint statistical chance of First Division football at The Bridge next season.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Stoke; Sheffield United.

TOTAL GOALS: 105 (average 2.28 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: None.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Brighton; Div. 3, Watford; Div. 4, Reading.

HIGHEST GATE: 46,608 (Liverpool v. Manchester Utd.).

TOTAL GATE: 584,494.

AVERAGE GATE: 12,706.

## CONN IS UP FOR SALE

DUNDEE United keep up the title challenge. In mid-week they take two points off visiting Celtic with a 2-1 win and on the Saturday they travel to Tynecastle, Edinburgh, and beat Hearts 3-0.

Two goals in the sixth and 12th minutes by Dodds breaks the Tynecastle hearts. In the second-half Kirkwood adds a third. And with their nearest rivals Rangers losing it is a happy Jim McLean who takes his winning team back to Dundee.

Rangers visit Fir Park and this time are shocked by a fast moving Well. As the game goes into the second-half the Motherwell youngsters seem to realise that they have taken the best Rangers have thrown at them and have come through. The confidence grows.

In the 59th minute the relegation certainties score a great goal through Clinging. In the 70th Donnelly heads in for the day's shock result.

Earlier in the week Celtic's boss Billy McNeill announces that Alfie Conn, the ex-Ranger bought from Tottenham two years ago for £65,000 is on the transfer list. Conn says he is not wanting to stay in Scotland and hopes he can get fixed up in America or England.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 15,000

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT.: 52,000

TOTAL GOALS 3 DIVS: 57

TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 Berwick.

Week ending APRIL 21

## VILLA TOPPLE MIGHTY LIVERPOOL

EVEN the mighty fall — sometimes! And, though the League title is fast becoming a near-certainty, it's still a blow to pride when Aston Villa hammer Liverpool 3-1 — and deservedly, too — on Easter Monday.

It's a small, if late, recompense for a Villa campaign which started so full of promise — but soon inevitably began to fall away in a season dogged by a depressing crop of injuries to key players.

You may be a Million-Pound Man — but that still doesn't exempt you from criticism from the guv'nors. After Forest's disappointing goal-less draw at home to Leeds, assistant manager Peter Taylor says: "I wasn't happy with Trevor Francis's game against Derby on Saturday, and certainly not today." And Trevor himself is honest enough to admit he hasn't fully fitted into the Forest machine yet.

Even more disappointed are promotion hopefuls Sunderland — beaten 1-0 at home by bottom (and almost doomed) club Blackburn.

Liverpool may have lost a bit of pride on Easter Monday — but, next day, the 1-0 defeat of West Bromwich at Bristol City virtually hands the Reds the title. Tough for attractive Albion in blowing their last — if infinitesimally tiny — chance of overtaking Liverpool; but tougher still for neighbours Birmingham, whose defeat at Ipswich sends them down to the Second Division.

Away from the pitch itself, Arsenal's Sammy Nelson lands a £750 fine, and a three-match ban, from the F.A. for his pants-dropping act earlier in the month — but he'll be O.K. to play at Wembley.

Maybe it should be a toast of "Bottoms

Up" if Sammy gets a winners' medal there! But fellow-defender Willie Young might miss out on the Final. He's sent-off as Arsenal go down 2-0 at Derby on the Saturday — and the timing of any suspension might be crucial.

Trevor Francis, criticised earlier on this week, hits something like his true form — and brilliantly lays on the first goal to help sink his old Birmingham colleagues.

And another boost for Forest morale comes with the news that next Wednesday's European Cup opponents, Cologne, have been crushed 5-1 by Bayern Munich. With none of the Second Division leaders losing, it's still any three from five in the promotion race — but which three is anybody's guess. And things are still pretty tense, promotion-wise, in both the Third and Fourth, too.

As to the First . . . well, just for the record, Liverpool win again — even though only a single Dalglish goal separates them from Bristol City at Anfield.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Coventry, Cardiff.

TOTAL GOALS: 87 (average 1.93 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 2 — Wallace (Coventry v. Southampton); Buchanan (Cardiff v. Sheffield Utd.).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div. 1, Liverpool; Div. 2, Stoke; Div. 3, Swansea; Div. 4, Grimsby.

HIGHEST GATE: 43,191 (Liverpool v. Bristol City).

TOTAL GATE: 505,456.

AVERAGE GATE: 11,232.

## TITLE CHALLENGE BY RANGERS

RANGERS after winning the Scottish Cup replay against Thistle 1-0, at the beginning of the week, rise to the Premier Division title challenge in their game with Championship leaders Dundee United.

Dawson puts Rangers ahead at Tannadice when he lobs the ball over the 'keeper. Five minutes later Smith extends the lead for Rangers. But Dundee United pull the score back to 2-1 through Stewart from a penalty.

Celtic are stung into action after Strachan opens the score line for Aberdeen.

Celtic pressure pays off when Conroy is tripped and Lynch converts a penalty.

Motherwell are sent reeling 4-0 by Hibernian. Rae, Callaghan, Bremner and Campbell do the damage.

O'Hara puts Thistle ahead against Morton. Then McLaren puts Thistle two up before inevitably, Ritchie pulls one back from a penalty.

### ★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 21,000 Dundee United v. Rangers.

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT.: 61,000.

TOTAL GOALS 3 DIVS: 63.

TABLE TOPPERS: Dundee United.

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Berwick.



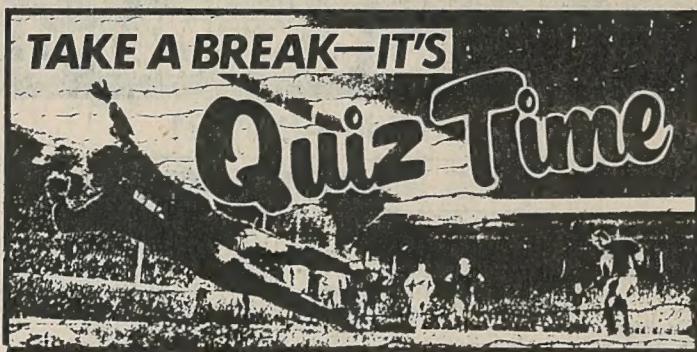
Elton John's (left) Watford crash 3-0 at home to Colchester. Ian Clinging (above) scored a marvellous goal for Motherwell against Rangers.



Trevor Francis (left) laid on Forest's first goal v. Birmingham. Ralph Callaghan (right) scored one of the Hibs goals that beat Motherwell.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time



1. Malcolm Allison was made team-manager of Manchester City recently. What position did Tony Book move up to?

2. City were again in the news when they signed Mick Robinson from which club for around £750,000?

3. Name the two players involved in an exchange between Southend United and Huddersfield Town.

4. Which Blackpool player was recently told to quit the game because of a serious knee injury?

5. Wolves rejected a £650,000 offer for Steve Daley from which club?

6. Did Nottingham Forest pay Manchester City £400,000, £500,000 or £600,000 for Scotland midfield star Asa Hartford (right)?

7. Sweden entertained Norway in a friendly international in Gothenberg. Did the game finish 2-2, 3-3 or 4-4?



10. Which Midland clubs were linked with Derby County's Roy McFarland?

11. Will Tottenham kick-off the new season on August 18th against Leeds, Bolton or Middlesbrough at White Hart Lane?

12. Queens Park Rangers made history by paying a quarter of a million pounds for a player yet to make his League debut. Who is he and from which club was he signed?



13. Will George Courtney, Clive Thomas or John Homewood referee this year's Charity Shield match between Arsenal and Liverpool at Wembley on August 11th?

14. Laurie Cunningham moved from West Brom to which Spanish club for more than £1 million?

15. Which Italian star was sent-off during the recent World XI game against Argentina in which the World Champions suffered their first defeat since winning the trophy?

## ANSWERS

1. Marco Tardelli. 2. Real Madrid. 3. Preston. 4. Huddersfield. 5. Manchester City. 6. £500,000. 7. 2-2. 8. Terry Venables, manager of Crystal Palace. 9. False — he is player/manager. 10. Wolves and Birmingham. 11. Middlesexborough. 12. Forest's Chris Woods. 13. George Courtney. 14. Clive Thomas. 15. Marco Tardelli.

16. Terry Gray to Southend. 17. Bobby Tamgnan. 18. Terry Venables. 19. Alan Buckley. 20. Alan Buckley. 21. Inset. 22. Gary Shelton. 23. Acting. 24. Settles. 25. Gary Shelton. 26. John. 27. Gary Shelton. 28. Gary Shelton. 29. Gary Shelton. 30. Gary Shelton. 31. Gary Shelton. 32. Gary Shelton. 33. Gary Shelton. 34. Gary Shelton. 35. Gary Shelton. 36. Gary Shelton. 37. Gary Shelton. 38. Gary Shelton. 39. Gary Shelton. 40. Gary Shelton. 41. Gary Shelton. 42. Gary Shelton. 43. Gary Shelton. 44. Gary Shelton. 45. Gary Shelton. 46. Gary Shelton. 47. Gary Shelton. 48. Gary Shelton. 49. Gary Shelton. 50. Gary Shelton.

Jumbled Name: PAT JENNINGS

## GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

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DOWN:— (1) Swansea. (2) Orb. (3) We. (4) Gatting. (5) Be. (6) Asp. (7) Boam. (9) Touts. (12) Lou. (14) Settles. (16) As. (17) Stint. (18) Tueart. (20) Butcher. (22) Bolton. (24) Ian. (27) Ouse. (28) Jog. (30) Ego. (31) Us.

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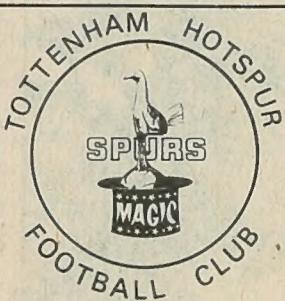
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## 'I'd prefer to buy British players' says TERRY NEILL

that prelude the F.A. Charity Shield match at Wembley against Liverpool in August's first week.

Neill explained: "Richie Powling has gone through hell over the past 18 months. From the position of being one of the in-form and scoring players at the start of season 1977-78, he has fought against pain and a troublesome knee injury, which required an opera-

tion. At last the lad can see light at the end of the tunnel and I expect him to be ready for the coming campaign.

"Young John Devine has spent six months battling to overcome injury and an operation. He, too, is on the mend and I am delighted for him because he has worked so hard.

"Things look bright also for Malcolm Macdonald. After such a worrying time and those three knee operations, he is enjoying himself in Sweden playing for Djurgården and, not surprisingly, scoring goals.

"In fact we have told Malcolm that he may stay longer with the Swedish club, an extension of the original loan-period, because they want him for a vital match against Malmö, the beaten European Cup Finalists."

The heartening recovery of these three first team players poses the question as to why Arsenal have been linked with names such as Leeds United's Tony Currie and Charlton's Mike Flanagan?

"Any manager worth his salt keeps his eye closely on the market at all times," said Neill. "That's

their Arsenal contracts expire.

But both players have made it clear that, if financially viable, they would prefer to stay at Highbury. The latest budget brought new hope that revised tax structuring might make playing in England more attractive. But Neill claims such optimism is premature.

He said: "If we all restrict ourselves to a kind of starvation diet, then perhaps we will be better off. But I do not think it will make any appreciable difference to people in any walk of life. What we get in one hand is quickly taken back from the other because of VAT and price rises.

"Make no mistake — we want these players to stay and we are doing everything to see that this happens. But they are away on holiday, so I have not spoken with them on this subject for a few weeks.

"As soon as they return back, however, we will continue examining ways of ensuring they stay."

Arsenal make their debut in the European Cup-Winners' Cup next season — they naturally elected to play in the European Cup after winning the League and F.A. Cup 'double' of 1971 — and with memories of how Red Star Belgrade knocked them out of last season's U.E.F.A. Cup still vivid, Neill has helped prepare an invaluable couple of pre-season tours.

He said: "We will get down to about four days of training then fly out to a West German training camp on July 22. While over there we will play Cologne and either Bayern Munich or Kaiserslautern.

"We come home for a week then fly to Holland for a four-club tournament in Amsterdam. There, the opposition will include Ajax and West German Champions Hamburg."

By the time Arsenal meet Liverpool in that Charity Shield match, they will well and truly be prepared for what many Arsenal fans — and people inside the game — believe could be their best season since that 1971 'double'. Only this time they may have Continental assistance!



Arsenal's Liam Brady takes on Manchester United in the 1979 F.A. Cup Final.

ARSENAL'S attempts to sign a top foreign player before the start of next season will continue, despite the disappointment of being pipped by the Cosmos for the signature of Dutch World Cup star Johan Neeskens.

The F.A. Cup holders are now London's leading club, the capital's only representatives in Europe next season and the sole realistic challengers to Liverpool and Nottingham Forest for the League Championship. And manager Terry Neill is determined to strengthen his already impressive squad to ensure that Arsenal maintain their position of superiority.

He said: "We did have hopes concerning Neeskens, but that is no longer of any consequence. What does matter is that we do have other leading foreign players in mind. No names just yet because this aspect of the transfer market has become tremendously competitive.

"Given a free choice I would opt for a British player before one from abroad. But realistically, the prices asked for home-based players now are prohibitive."

There can be no doubt the feeling of optimism within Highbury as the club prepares for the new season.

And three players have a special reason for looking forward to the forthcoming close-season tours



LEEDS UNITED will have a strong Welsh connection next season. No fewer than four of the current Wales side are Elland Road players. Now that Alan Curtis has left Swansea for Leeds, Wales manager Mike Smith has the luxury of one-third of his team playing together for a top First Division club. Our photographer caught up with the Leeds Welshmen in Malta, when Wales won 2-0. From left: Alan Curtis, Brian Flynn, Carl Harris and Byron Stevenson.